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Adolf Hitler's royalties from Mein Kampf have been discovered by investigators on the trail of billions of pounds in stolen Jewish money and possessions.

Declassified intelligence documents at the US National Archives show that one of Hitler's closest confidantes opened the accounts at the Union Bank of

Führer's book became required Bank accounts which may hold reading in German schools.

The information, contained in an intelligence report by the Office of Strategic Services, fore-runner of the CIA, was uncovered by World Jewish Congress researchers in Washington under America's freedom of information legislation, and passed to the Jewish Chronicle.

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The discovery is the latest suc-Ammann was one of Hitler's cess for the Congress in its efforts closest collaborators in his early to track down gold, cash and art cured an agreement with the days and owner of Centralverlag treasures stolen by the Nazis dur-

gan searching the archives only a The report said: "...it is quite few months ago, but has already identified the movement of more than \$5.5bu in bullion alone.

"We don't know yet whether the accounts still exist or whether there is anything in them," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress in New York. "But we have se-Swiss Bankers' Association to

have full 'unfettered' access to files identified by us from this period. This is just the beginning. We are finding lots and lots of mon-

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ey and property that was routed through Switzerland. For once, the hackneyed expression 'tip of the iceberg' is appropriate." Last month, the Congress

found evidence to suggest that 15 tons of gold was routed to England and used by Nazi sympa-

Discovered: Hitler's secret Swiss bank accoun Warfare report which showed that a Titian painting was smuggled into the country by a suspected Nazi agent and deposited in a provincial branch of Nat West bank. Last night, Nat West said it had no record of the painting.

UBS said it was illegal in Switzerland for the bank to discuss individual accounts - particularly whether there had been any withdrawals since 1945.

# US blamed for causing Iraq crisis

**EXCLUSIVE:** Kurds reveal how they were thrust into Saddam's arms

Senior US officials were warned by Kurdish leaders that they would turn to Iraq for aid if the United States did not support them in the face of Iranianbacked attack according to letters shown to The Independent. in northern Iraq over the last not very big fish."

The publication of the correspondence is likely to ignite controversy in Washington over why the US was caught by sur- Robert Pelletreau Jr, the assisprise by the intervention of the Iraqi army, which attacked Arbil on 31 August.

claimed, when he launched missile strikes on southern Iraq this week, to be doing so in support of the Kurds. But letters exchanged between the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP), one of the two main Kurdish factions, and the senior US policymakers dealing with Iraq, show scant interest in their problems.

In a memo sent to American officials in the week before the KDP joined with President Saddam Hussein to capture Arbil, the Kurdish capital, its leaders warned: "Our options are limited and since the US is not responding even politically ... the only option left is the Iraqis." The

By Patrick Cockburn

memo concludes that if the Iraqi army re-entered Kurdistan

month US officials remained releader of the KDP, wrote to tant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, on 21 August. He said he had just received a let-President Bill Clinton ter from him suggesting a peace meeting with the Patriotic by the PUK backed by Iran. Union of Kurdistan on the very day the PUK had launched

fierce attacks on his positions. The failure of the US to realise that Saddam Hussein was about to do a deal with Mr Barzani has parallels with its failure in 1990 to realise that the Iraqi leader was contemplating the occupation of Kuwait. April Glaspie, the US ambassador in Baghdad, was severely criticised for not taking seriously enough threats made in a pre-invasion interview by Saddam Hussein. Hoshyar Zebari, a senior

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The Iranian-backed attack "is clearly a violation of the ceasefire arrangement you helped.

19 August: Hoshyar Zeban, Kurdish leader, to Robert Deutsch, Director of Office of Northern Gulf Affairs, US State Department. "Since 18 August the Iranian regime has entered

the conflict directly in support of Talabani's PUK to change the political military balance to their 21 August: Massoud Barzani to Robert Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs.

"Our options are limited and since the US is not

responding even politically, and neither the Turks nor the Syrians are understood to support us, the only option left is the Iraqis." 31 August: Background paper from Kurdish Democratic Party shown to senior US officials a week before before Kurds' agreement with Saddam Hussein to attack Arbii.

"We have bigger fish to fry and the Kurds are not very big fish." 4 September: Senior US official.

ministration to increase its ef forts to stop resumption of the Kurdish civil war. He got scant attention. A senior US official "the KDP will not stop them". told a reporter: "We have big-As the situation deteriorated ger fish to fry and the Kurds are

The letters between the KDP laxed. Massoud Barzani, the and Mr Pelletreau and Robert h, the director of the Ui fice of Northern Gulf Affairs, were disclosed to The Independen by a Kurdish source. They show increasing desperation on the part of the KDP over attacks

> The situation began to deteriorate at the end of July. The Kurds wrote to Steve Grummon. director of Near East and South Asian Affairs at the National Security Council saying Iranian Revolutionary Guards had entered Kurdistan in pursuit of Iranian Kurdish rebels. It said Iran "approached the KDP leadership on the evening of July 26-27 requesting access for their troops to come through Haji Omran [a vital border position] but Mr Barzani rejected and refused to offer such access".

The KDP feared that Iran would retaliate by backing the PUK. It believed Iran had left behind heavy weapons and ammunition. On 19 August Mr Zebari wrote to Mr Deutsch saying the PUK had started to attack on 17 August He said this was "clearly a violation of the ceasefire arrangement you helped establish". He added that the KDP "expects you to follow through" on promises to maintain the US-brokered ceasefire.

in the week before the KDP finally decided that it had no choice but to look to Saddam Hussein it sent a memo to US officials saying: "We request the US to ... send a clear message to han to end its meddling in northern Iraq." On 30 August a mediation meeting was held in the US embassy in London which Mr Zebari dismisses as a "band-aid". The following morning KDP guerrillas, backed by Iraqi tanks and artillery, rolled into Arbil.





Reach for the eyes: Last-minute preparations in Westminster for the launch of the Tories' tax campaign (report, page 5)

# Teachers to be monitored for racial harassment

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Schools are to face an ethnic monitoring programme imposed by the Government to eliminate racial harassment and stereotyping by teachers.

In a move which both sur-prised and delighted anti-racism campaigners, ministers unveiled a 10-point plan to improve the poor school records of some ethnic groups, particularly African-Caribbean boys.

The plan was announced in response to a report published yesterday by the school inspec-tion body, Ofsted. It revealed an "unusually high" degree of conflict between white teachers and black pupils, even at infant and primary level. African-Caribbean pupils were up to six times more likely to be exclud-ed from school than their white Policing Saddam, pages 10 classmates. Asian pupils were stitute of Education, showed that while some ethnic minori-



often assuming that their English was poor and that girls would be expected to marry early and stay at home, it said. The report, commissioned from academics at London's Inty groups, particularly Indians, were doing better than ever in public exams, others were im-

proving only very slowly.

However, it added, initiatives in some local authority areas had made a huge difference. In Tower Hamlets, east London, for example, Bangladeshi pupils who had been given extra Eng-lish teaching and who had become fully fluent actually did better than white pupils.

Teenagers from all ethnic minority groups stayed in education for longer than white students, with the majority of Pakistanis still learning full time at age 19. However, they were less likely to apply to a traditional university and more likely to go on to a

former polytechnic. Cheryl Gillan, the junior education minister, asked schools inspectors to look at ways in which underachievement and stereotyping could be tackled. A further report next year will

spell out ways in which some schools have succeeded, and

advise on future strategy. Ethnic minority pupils will have their progress monitored through their national curricuhum test results, and both the inspection and teacher-training systems could be reformed to place greater emphasis on their problems. In 1985, an official report proposed a similar scheme but it was rejected amid allegations that it was heavy-handed and patronising.

Herman Ouseley, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, welcomed the plan, but said it should have come sooner. "We want it implemented with haste and vigour. We have really missed a whole generation of young people who have un-derachieved, and that includes white working-class boys. We have got to address the failure

to fully educate all our children." The racial divide, page 3

### **Surgery for Yeltsin**

Boris Yeltsin broke all Kremlin taboos by admitting he has agreed to heart surgery, after weeks of speculation about his

SFO set for inquiry The Serious Fraud Office was poised for an investigation into the unfolding Morgan Grenfell unit trust scandal. Page 19

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# Libel trial to embarrass Tories

**CHRIS BLACKHURST** Westminster Correspondent

Evidence that government ministers received election expenses from a leading political lobbyist will surface next month in a libel trial which will be deeply embarrassing for the Government during the Tory party conference.

The Prime Minister will be subpoenaed along with Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, and former Tory Chief Whip Richard Ryder, to give evidence at what promises to be the most sensational political trial for decades.

Yeltsin

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Boris Yeltsin broke all Kremlin taboos yesterday by finally ad-

mitting that he is has agreed to have surgery to cure his con-

tinuing heart ailment. His an-

nouncement comes after weeks of speculation about his health.

and explains why has been in virtual seclusion for more than two

month, leaving a vacuum in the heart of the Kremlin.

have informed him that he either had to have an operation. or would have to work "passively". Speaking slowly, he said: "Passive work never suit-

ed me. Nor can it suit me now, That's why an operation and full

recovery, as they promise, is bet-

The surgery is expected to

take place at a cardiological cen-

tre in Moscow. Mr Yeltsin, who

had two heart attacks last year,

ter than passive activity."

In a television interview. Mr Yeltsin explained that surgeons

**PHIL REEVES** 

Moscow

Britain's biggest businesses, made donations towards the general election expenses of Conservative candidates in key marginal seats. One of those Tories, David Mellor, the former Cabinet minister, has confirmed that he received the cash which went into the "fighting fund" for the 1987 general election campaign in his Putney constituen-

Other Tories, including one current minister, are also understood to have accepted payments from Mr Greer.

While most of the money was directed to the Tories, two

a donation to their election expenses from Mr Greer.

The evidence will expose a tion expenses. By taking mon-cy from Mr Greer, the MPs and the lobbyist did not commit any rules require the MPs only to cumstances around Mr Hamilstay within the election limit, ton's resignation as trade and currently £6,000; and to list what they spend the cash on. They do not have to disclose

where it came from. The claims will arise during the libel trial brought by Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer against

at the beginning of the Labour party conference.

Conservative managers were gap in the rules covering elec- already furning at the timing of the trial and the confirmation that Mr Major, Mr Heseltine and Sir Robin will be required offence or breach any rule: the to appear to explain the cirton's resignation as trade and industry minister in 1994.

The claims over election exenses will send Tories, hopeful of a successful conference to kick-start their election campaign, reeling.

By making donations direct The Guardian newspaper over to MPs' constituency associa-

lan Greer, the parliamentary senior Labour figures are also the "cash for questions" affair, tions, there is no danger of the derstood to be furious at the lobbyist who acts for some of likely to be named as having had due to start early next month, money being swallowed by prospect of having his name money being swallowed by Conservative Central Office. brought up in the trial.

Some donors regard it as a more efficient way of giving aid.

Mr Mellor has admitted to receiving £500 from Mr Greer in May 1987. Payment was made by cheque sent from Mr soned political operators, were Greer's home address, which was then in his Putney constituency, to Mr Mellor's local party agent. He viewed it as a personal donation from Mr to hold the trial during the

The payment, the only one to Mr Mellor, was noted in a ledger kept by Mr Greer, de-

tailing cash to MPs. The MP for Putney is un-

The four-week trial will cast a huge shadow over the party conferences. Tories are incredulous that Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer, both of whom are seaprepared to countenance going into court during the critical conference season. Solicitors for The Guardian said the decision conferences was made by the

plaintiffs, not the newspaper.

Mr Mellor declined to comment. Mr Greer passed questions to his solicitor, who said he was unable to comment.

# SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

A senior British diplomat, convicted of smuggling a large consignment of "vile and sickening" child pornography into Britain, may have been part of a network, according to customs investigators. Robert Coghlan, former First
Secretary at the British Embassy in Tokyo was found guilty
swiftly and unanimously yesterday and will be sentenced this
morning by Judge Gerald Butler QC at Southwark Crown

The divorced father of two was found guilty of one charge under the Customs and Excise Management Act, 1979, after his hoard of 109 videos, 70 of which contained paedophilic material, were discovered in Esser, en route to Madrid. "I believe the videos were destined for wherever he was going and whoever was in his network," said Jim McGregor, deputy chief investigator with Customs and

Coghlan, 54, who faces up to seven years in jail, showed almost no reaction as the verdict was returned after 52 minutes. Crown counsel Nigel Lithman told the court: "It would seem that in Japan ... he was something of a Jekyll and Hyde character - sometimes a respectable representative of the country, at other times visiting specialist sex shops, buying the most profane type of paedophile material, until he had accumulated this large collection." Jojo Moyes

Dust from office photocopiers can cause lung disease, according to Austrian scientists, who say that increasing use of copiers will result in more people with respiratory problems. The scientists report the case of a 39-year-old non-smoker who developed a dry cough and breathlessne after working in a newspaper agency, where copiers were in

regular use.
Tissue samples from his lungs and lymph nodes showed that his body was reacting to pigment particles in the toner-dust, which contained silicon, iron, and copper, all of which can damage the hings if inhaled. The man's recovery was slow, and nine months after treatment with steroid drugs began there was little improvement. The case is the second to be reported in the Lancet linking lung disease with photocopiers. Liz Huat

Deadlines have been set for women hoping to sue what was once the largest manufacturer of silicone breast implants. British women who believe their health suffered as a result of implants made by the American firm Dow Corning have until 14 February next year to initiate their claim. Around 10,000 British women are understood to have commenced claims against manufacturers following allegations of skin disorders, muscle pain, tremors and

incontinence from implants which allegedly leaked. Other surgical implants which might also be included in the legal action are for knees, other joints and hips. Under American court laws, the company is to embark on a programme to alert as many possible claimants as possible to the deadlines which have been set. Claims by people living in the States and Puerto Rico need to have been filed by 15 January. Louise Jury

Deter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security. came under fresh fire in the High Court yesterday in a challenge to regulations on benefits for asylum-seekers, made under emergency legislation passed in July. Mr Justice Popplewell ruled that a full judicial review hearing should take place as a matter of urgency. Up to 10,000 asylumseekers could be entitled to "urgent cases" if the application, by a woman member of a political group opposed to the Ethnopian government, succeeds.

The woman says she fled from Ethopia after suffering

beatings and rape by prison guards. The regulations purpost to make the 1996 Act apply retrospectively. The July legislation followed a Court of Appeal ruling that Mr Lilley had granded his proposed. had exceeded his powers when introducing new rules refusing housing benefit, income support and other benefits to asylum-seekers who failed to make prompt applications on their arrival in Britain. Patricia Wynn Davies

IV, the virus which leads to Aids, causes more widespread damage to the immune system than was previously thought, according to researchers at Edinburgh University. Using a highly sensitive test for the virus, they have found that it infects more than one type of cell in the

The findings suggest that while HIV infection of cells known as CD4 cells predominates early on in the disease - a well-established fact - HIV infection of cells known as CD8 cells may play a crucial role in the progression of Aids, especially in the later stages. Leading British Aids researchers are calling for urgent research to assess the clinical impact of the new information which they say will be important in the management and treatment of HIV and Aids. Liz Hunt

the governor of a prison in which five women have died in suicides in 15 months is to retire early, it was announced yesterday. But the Scottish Prison Service denied Robert Glen, 50, was leaving Comton Vale prison, near Stirling, under a cloud. He is to be succeeded by Kathleen Donegan, 43, HM deputy chief inspector of prisons in

A partial eclipse of the Sun will be visible across

Britain. Solar eclipses occur when the Sun, moon and Earth line up and the moon blocks out the light of the Sun.
Astronomers expect the phenomenon to begin at exactly
1.02pm on 12 October. By 2.18pm, up to 50 per cent of the
Sun's surface will be concealed by the moon as it arcs across.

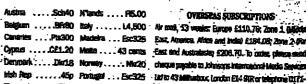
The moon is only one four-hundredth the size of the Sun but the fact that it is 400 times closer to Earth allows it to sometimes to completely block the Sun. "While full eclipses: happen only every century or so and are very dramatic, partial eclipses are more common but still very interesting," Mark Casali of the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh said.

The Queen's 1996 Gold Medal for Poetry has been awarded to Peter Redgrove, Buckingham Palace said yesterday. Mr Redgrove, 64, from Cornwall, is a prolific poet, novelist and playwright. He was recommended for the Medal by a committee headed by the Poet Laureate, Ted Hughes. The award was instituted by King George V in

#### Correction: Lord Stevens

In an article yesterday entitled "Champagne and oysters - that's the way we do it", we incorrectly stated that Lord Stevens attended the re-launch party for Punch magazine. In fact, Lord Stevens did not attend. We apologise for this error.

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Special brew: Boris Yeltsin drinking tea during his interview with RIA Novosti correspondent Michail Lessi at the President's retreat outside Moscow

he will go abroad for the operation, at the end of the month. According to Reuters, Kremlin aides have indicated that it will be a by-pass operation, al-

There have been reports for weeks that Mr Yeltsin's heart condition had returned. They began when the 65-year-old President suddenly dropped though that has not been conout of view after the first round was quick to quash reports that firmed. of the presidential election in

> As his absence persisted, his aides blamed acute weariness from the campaign, although few commentators believed them. The President's announcement, made to the littleknow RIA Novosti news change in policy within the

knowledges that the misinformation circulated by his aides has done nothing to end international speculation about his condition. "I want to have a society based on truth here. That means no longer hiding what we used to hide," he said.

In what may have been an attempt to divert some attention from his condition, Mr Yeltsin used his television appearance to announce that, after days of apparently shunning Alexander Lebed, his peace envoy in agency, appears to mark a Chechnya, he now supported the recently signed peace deal. wanted to end the practices of secrecy that dominate Russian government – a remark that ac-

Chechen rebel chief-of-staff. Aslan Maskhadov The announcement of Mr

Yeltsin's heart problems led television news broadcasts in Moscow last night. The key question facing Russians is who takes control while Mr Yeltsin, who is due to meet the German Chancellor Helmut Kohl tomorrow, is out of action. Under the constitution; Viktor Chernonvidin should step in, but he has been wrestling for power and influence with Mr Lebed.

In Soviet times, leaders' health was considered a secret

were falsified and events specially staged for television to suggest he was well. For months before his successor Yuri An-

dropov died, officials said he had a cold. In recent months Mr Yeltsin's health had been shrouded in a secrecy reminis-cent of old times. Yeltsin disappeared from public view in late June. His aides said he was simply tired and recovering from a vigorous election campaign that brought him victory over a communist rival. Since then, Mr Yeltsin has made only

inauguration ceremony.

gust, briefly showing up at his

## Abuse-inquiry police call for 400 people to come forward possibly be the only real prac-tical opportunity they have had position at the home, the pros-position at the home, the pros-PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

and ROGER DOBSON

Police appealed to 400 former residents of a Cardiff children's home yesterday to use confidential telephone hotlines to pass on information in a major investigation into allegations of physical and sexual abuse. South Wales detectives also

want to interview more than 100 social services staff who had connections with the former Taff Vale home at Whitchurch, Cardiff, between 1985 and 1991, when the home was closed under a reorganisation. Former residents and staff were urged to make contact with the police as soon as possible.

Former residents of the council-run home will now be young men and women aged be-tween 16 and 27. Detective Chief Superintendent Phil Iones, head of South Wales CID, told a news conference:

tical opportunity they have had over the last six years to speak about what might have been going on there."

The investigation follows suspicions that paedophiles preyed on vulnerable children at the short-stay care and assessment home for 10- to 16-year-olds.

Ten detectives, male and fe-male, will be assisted by social services staff and counsellors from Cardiff County Council. John Jevons, director of social services and former director in Clwyd, the scene of Britain's biggest abuse scandal, said that the investigation related only to Taff Vale and not to any other current or former home.

A former Cardiff social worker, Geoffrey Morris, was jailed for five years last Monday for sexually abusing three boys aged 12, 15 and 16 while em-ployed as a residential worker at the Taff Vale home. Morris, For these young people it will a bachelor who worked in child-

position at the home, the pros-ecution told Cardiff Crown Court.

Mr Jones said the case was a factor in the investigation, but police had received other information.

He said: "Our concern is for individuals who may have been abused in the past and who, for whatever reason, decided not to make a formal complaint ... I am appealing to them: please, take the opportunity to contact

Mr Jevons said that the council's own preliminary inquiry into possible mistreatment had led it to ask for further police investigation. It is understood that after two care workers raised the issue of possible abuse, the home's log books of complaints were examined by senior social services staff, after which Mr Jevons decided to call in the police. Deborah Jones, of Voices

said: "It would not surprise me if the South Wales police investigation eventually extended beyond the Taff Vale home.

"We have heard of incidents of abuse in Cardiff children's homes over a considerable period of time. We welcome this investigation and will try to help. It is a complacent attitude to say that what happened is in the past and does not go on now because of stricter procedures and better training.

The investigation follows the long-running scandal of abuse in Clwyd homes which led to the jailing of former care workers and – following a concerted campaign – the setting up of a tribunal chaired by the former High Court judge Sir Ronald Waterhouse. The tribunal has its first meeting next Tuesday. ☐ The telephone number for former residents of the home to ring is 01222 571535, 9am to 10pm.

# Blair spurns a deal on Scots vote

(LET'S ALL PRAY HE DOESN'T TAKE UP SINGING.)

Nick Berry, one of Britain's most successful TV actors, is going to retire. Find out the reasons why and what his plans are only in this week's Radio Times.

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Radiolimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT. JOHN REVIOUL Political Correspondent

Labour leaders plan to ditch the policy of a second referendum on Scottish devolution agreed in a welter of old-fashioned Labour confusion last weekend.

Sources close to Tony Blair and George Robertson, the Scottish affairs spokesman, made it clear yesterday that the pledge, which is not in the party's early manifesto, would not be in the final version either.

be forced into an embarrassing "S-turn" as early as next week. He did not consult Mr Blair before agreeing at Saturday's meeting of the ruling Scottish Labour Executive to the "compromise", which backed the leadership's plan for a dubbed the "tartan tax" issue cerned, not once but twice?" He

referendum only at the price of has caused turmoil in the Scot- later launched a vigorous dea second one. Labour then found itself

committed to a two-question referendum on a Scottish parliament, which would ask voters separately to approve its tax-cutting and tax-raising powers, followed by another referendum if the Edinburgh parliament actually decided to use those powers.

Mr Robertson defended the decision as an endorsement of the leadership but the minori-Mr Robertson is expected to 'ty on the executive who wanted to embarrass Mr Blair managed to land the party with a policy supported by no one apart from Mohammed Sarwar, the Glasgow parliamentary candidate who proposed it.

tish Labour Party since Mr Blair sprung the referendum plan on it in June. Activists have accused Labour's leaders of being defensive about their plans for a tax-raising assembly, with many blaming the ruthless drive of the shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, to prevent Labour being portrayed as the

high-tax party.

Jack Straw, the party's spokesman on constitutional affairs, defended the new policy yesterday. He said on BBC radio: "Who is to complain about the fact that we're going to ask the Scottish people whether they support our proposals for a Scottish parliament and its taxraising powers and, where the What the Conservatives have tax raising powers are con-

fence of Labour's apparent in-tention to rule by referendum. "We are unapologetic that on these major constitutional changes people should be asked their opinion," he said. Mr Blair welcomed the de-

cision of the Scottish executive as "mature and sensible", but is thought to be sensitive to the ridicule the new policy has attracted. Dennis Canavan, the dissident Labour MP, declared: "If the Labour leadership carry on like this, they will end up having a referendum every weekend. The whole thing is

preposterous." Other Labour MPs have mockingly suggested that the party should now propose a third referendum asking the question: "Are you sure?"

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ويزار المتدو Committee Black boys, according to some race relations experts, are often more lively, more boisterous, more chatty than their classmates. Could this be why they are six times more likely to be excluded from school for misbehaviour?

Whatever the cause, something is going on. While most ethnic groups are doing better than before in exams, African-Caribbean boys are slipping further behind.

Yesterday's Ofsted report on the achievements of ethnicminority pupils described in painstaking detail a problem which has become almost impossible to ignore.

Teachers, it said, were creating and amplifying conflicts with black pupils. Far from seeing them as energetic and enthusiastic, they interpreted their behaviour as threatening and aggressive. They expected them to achieve little at school. Asian pupils, meanwhile, were seen as quiet and compliant. Not surprisingly, both groups of pupils tended to live up to their

The researchers did add that social class and gender both played an important part in the failure of those young people, but in seeking both causes and solutions to the problem, they turned to the school system.

They were not alone. The fatalism which used to surround the issue of race is being challenged from every quarter. The old belief that black teenagers were so weighed down by poverty, prejudice and hopelessness that they were bound to fail has been rejected. In addition, the belief that poor exam results can be caused by genetic programming has been largely discredited, not least by new evidence that white working-class boys are also under-achieving. Researchers are looking for the things that can be changed, rather than holding up their hands in

Bernie Grant, Labour MP for Tottenham, believes there is much that can be done and he Cambridge: ---is blunt in his analysis of why black teenagers are falling by the wayside. "I think the schools." are failing them and they can't that they are: discriminated ments which lend additional school has set up a "mentoring" cope with them," he said. "Other people suffer from social factors such as bad housing."

Mr Grant cited the case of a girl he met recently in a north London school. Until a year ago she had lived in Barbados. where she was considered a below-average pupil. Here, she was above average for black pupils, because the teachers' expectations were so low.

She and the other black teenagers at the school were in danger of having their actions misinterpreted. "I think they tend to talk back more, have never been able to set up



'My Muslim religion has given me discipline'

Camran Hussain, 16, who is studying for his A-levels, said he believed that there was "quite a big difference" in the way different communities responded to education. Camran, from Wembley, north London, whose family originally come from Pakistan said: "Many Asians are very disciplined in their approach to education, unlike some other people who seem undisciplined. I think it's something that comes from the families and from the tradition. I am a Muslim and as a Muslim I believe it is important to do well in education and the religion is giving me discipline."

The student, who gained six A grades in his GCSEs this summer and is hoping to study maths, chemistry and physics at A-level said parental concem was an important factor but not the only one.

I don't want to do badly, because for me education is the most important thing. It will help me in the future, My aim is to get a good job with good money so I can support my family." Camran hopes to study astronomy at university, possibly at Oxford or

probably because of the feeling

against," Mr Grant said.
But while schools are now

Carlton Duncan, the black

head of George Dixon school in

Handsworth, Birmingham,

believes that the presence or

absence of a strong, supportive

have come into this country

"African-Caribbeans who

family is crucial.

"My parents don't push me but they do ask me if I'm doing all right. But

the extended family arrange-

support," he said, "If you take



GCSE student Ewa Stefanska, 15, is aiming to take seven exams next summer at the Hampstead school.

She firmly rejected suggestions that the level of education depended on

She said: "I have got black and Asians friends at school and I don't think it makes any difference who they are. "It just depends on the individual and on the individual family.

"If you want to work hard then you will do well at school, but if you mess around then you will not.

"I think this applies to all the communities and at our school everyone is treated equally."

We needed to see what role



**'I went out raving all the time, even on Sundays'** 

Marcus Murray is 16 and a pupil at the Hampstead school in north-west London where he is retaking his GCSEs to get better grades. He accepts that there are different "cultural" pressures which affect the way that Asians, ellow Afro-Caribbeans and other ethnic minorities do at school.

Marcus, from Victoria, central London, said: "You tend to find that the Asians do not have so much of a social life when they are working for exams." He admitted that he and other Afro-Caribbeans had had hectic social lives and this may have affected their work. "I used to go out raving all the time. I would even go out on a Sunday and on Monday at school I would be tired and upset. So I decided not to go out so much and I think it has

He thought that while Afro-Caribbean families encouraged education, the pressure was greater in Asian families. "We are encouraged but the Asian pupils are pushed very hard. They really have to get it right.

However, he said he was "unhappy" at the stereotyping of Afro-Caribbeans being less good at school than other groups. "I think it depends on the individual and whether they want to work hard."

schools and local authorities the Asians, they have managed likely to go off the rails, using ed report highlighted a similar local volunteers. As a result, the could compensate," he said. pattern of under-achievement among white youngsters from number of temporary exclu-Herman Ouseley, chairman

scheme for teenagers who are family wasn't up to it, how

families, often left in their families' countries of origin.

the family could take, and if the working-class boys, who were a

it was not black boys, but rather

problem. Another recent Ofst-

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lowed to drift for so long. "We

ing to school. It was important

for parents and schools to find

positive role-models - adults

who had made a success of a

are now reaping the downside of that. The children who were doubted it, they should ask their friends on their streets failed now have children of about life in prison, he said. their own who are being failed all over again," he said. Some people believe that Mr Ouseley believes that for many of those pupils, life on the streets is more exciting than go-

the family plays a major part in shaping young blacks' lives. Many are from one-parent families. Many have parents who also stayed away from school and later from parents' evenings because of their own bad exlaw-abiding lifestyle - to com- periences in the classroom.

be blamed for turning to crime

did not hold water. If they

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#### Why do black boys do so badly at school? The theories:

They tand to be lively and unafraid to answer back - traits. Many live in one-parent homes and lack extended misinterpreted as threatening, leading to exclusion. ■ Teachers stereotype black boys. Because they are not ■ Young disaffected blacks can easily onthin street culture

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Regular subjected to racism at school are passing on their. 

Black pupils' negative attitudes are the understandable result own negative attitudes, creating a cycle of resentment.

of seeing unemployment and moism at close quarters.

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# Private insurer buys into NHS cancer centre

Public Policy Editor

A health insurance company has invested in an NHS cancer treatment centre in an open admission that it needs the health service to provide the best possible care for private patients.

The new alliance between PPP Healthcare and the Royal Free NHS Trust in north London could be the precursor of similar deals with other trusts, according to Dr Harry Mc-Neilly, medical director of PPP. Similar deals could also be established for some other highly specialised areas such as neurosurgery and neuroscience.

PPP, Britain's second biggest health insurer, has contributed £100,000, or around a third of the £350.000 cost of expanding the Royal Free's Moore cancer ward by 20 per cent to 24 beds, more than doubling its day care facilities and refurbishing eight

intensive treatment rooms.

The facilities will be available

vate patient income from cancer treatment possibly doubling to £1.5m a year or more as PPP encourages its patients to use the specialist facilities.

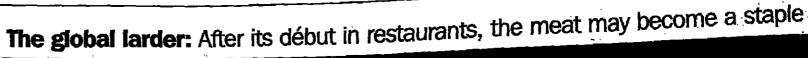
The move follows the Calman report on cancer services which concluded that the best treatment is provided by having limited numbers of highly specialised centres linked to cancer units in ordinary general hospitals which deal with the more common tumours - a socalled "hub and spoke" arrangement into which NHS units are currently being reorganised.

Private hospital units lack ex-perience of treating rarer cancers and the comprehensive range of services from surgery to chemotherapy, radiotherapy and psychology which a specialist centre such as the Royal Free can provide, Dr McNeilly said. To have a high quality centre, you have to have all these specialists together and you need a substantial population which will throw up no waiting list for treatment at

quire the skills to provide the best treatment. We firmly believe that the NHS at the moment is the only place that can provide that level of expertise, and that is why we are looking to the NHS to provide these services for our subscribers."

The "preferred provider" status means PPP will encourage subscribers who need such specialist care to use the Royal Free. obtaining competitive charges in return for more-or-less guaranteed volume. But PPP stressed the deal was less about price than about quality - ensuring that private patients receive equally good care to NHS patients as the "hub and spoke"

reorganisation is phased in. Richard Begent, Professor of Oncology at the Royal Free, insisted that private patients would not receive preferential treatment, and PPP's contribution was allowing an earlier and more extensive refurbishment of Moore ward. "There is to both NHS and private pa-tients, with the Royal Free's pri-to ensure the specialists ac-queue to jump," he said.





The rump that jumped: Shoppers inspecting a pack of kangaroo meat

# Kangaroo hops into the supermarket

Australian seared steaks and surf salad

ingredients: One chopped and de seeded red or green chilli; 2.5 cm (1in) piece of fresh root ginger, peeled and grated; one clove garis; peeled and crushed; 350g (12oz) chopped shallots; 3-4 tosp oil; 2 kangaroo steaks cut into even strips; 225g (8oz) cooked, peeled king prawns; 20g (3/4oz) contander or flat-leaf parsley, 9-10 sprigs fresh mint, salt and

freshly ground black pepper. Dressing: Juice and finely grated rind of one lime; 1-2 tosp chilli sauce; 300ml (1/2 pint) thick coconut milk; sugar to

Garnish: Four whole unpeeled prawns; one red chilli, de seeded and chooped.

Method: Mix the chilli, ginger, garlic and shallots. Fry in 3 they hat oil until crispy and golden brown; leave on kitchen paper to drain. Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan over gentle heat; fry steak strips for 2-3 minutes or until just tender, remove from heat. In the same pan fry prawns for a further 2 minutes or until just heated through. Mix chilli mixture, kangaroo-steak strips, prawns, conande

leaves, and sprigs of mint. Season to taste.

Mix all the dressing ingredients together, season to taste. Arrange steaks on 4 plates, gamish with prawns and a sprinkling of chilli and serve with the lime dressing.

**LOUISE JURY** 

It bounded into the menus of the more modern restaurants, and took a giant leap forward to public acceptability when BSE hit the beef market.

Now kangaroo meat is being tested as a daily staple with a supermarket offering it as steaks and burgers.

The first supplies are available at Tesco from now until the end of September. If the meat finds a following, it will become a regular on the shelves from the beginning of next year.

Michael Fletcher, Tesco's speciality meats buyer, said: that half of its customers were Our customers have shown a great interest in speciality meats and we will be offering them a

described by Tesco as "succulent, flavoursome and with a Tesco supermarkets since they similar taste and texture to beef steak".

Kangaroo meat follows on

from ostrich, crocodile, wild boar and buffalo as an innovation in the diet of a country which is becoming increasingly adventurous in its eating habits. The National Heart Foun-

dation of Australia has endorsed kangaroo for its low fat content - around 1 per cent - and low level of sodium. A spokesman for Tesco said

trying to cut down on red meat but had found the taste and texture of existing alternatives unaccentable.

the "mad cow disease" scare de-terred beef-eaters, kangaroo is 500,000 packs of ostrich steaks and burgers have been sold in were introduced in May.

A pack of two kangaroo steaks (260g) sells for £3.99 and a pack of two kangaroo burgers (227g) for £2.99, prices which the store claims compare favourably to those of the better cuts of beef.

However, other stores look unlikely to follow suit. Jane Ellison, for Asda, which was one of the supermarkets to introduce ostrich, said it did not stock kangaroo and had no plans to do so. And a Marks and Spencer spokeswoman said: "We sell beef, lamb and pork. We are always looking at new developments in the food in-Already available in butchers "We are looking at different dustry but we have no pla and increasingly popular since ways of meeting customer sell kangaroo at present." dustry but we have no plans to

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# Telephone screening plan for casualty patients

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

The British Medical Association vesterday unveiled plans for a radical overhaul of hardpressed hospital accident and emergency services, which includes a campaign actively to discourage the majority of patients from using them. Doctors are to encourage

patients to phone the hospital first and check that their problem is appropriate for A&E treatment. If not, the hospital should redirect the patient to the right department or to a GP.

Staff shortages and funding problems are at the heart of the A&E crisis, according to the BMA, but the expanding work- trolley waits for patients ad- house for diagnostic tests."

load of non-emergency patients mitted through A&E who need largest volume of A&E patients - who would be better treated elsewhere is also significant.

Up to 40 per cent of patients who attend casualty departments should not be there, according to Dr Laurence Rocke, a consultant in A&E at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast who chaired the BMA working party on A&E services. The BMA said that a tele-

reduce demand significantly.

phone system in which experienced staff advise patients where to go for treatment would In addition, the association is

 minor injuries account for the a bed elsewhere in the hospital. Such a unit would allow in-patient treatment to start more promptly, and many patients might be eligible for discharge direct from the unit, easing pressure on beds, the BMA report concludes.

James Johnson, chairman of the BMA consultants' committee, said: "We want to avert the regular winter crises in A&E by taking practical steps now to ease the pressure... Many people see A&E as the front door of the hospital, open to all comers. We need to make sure staff are concentrating their efforts calling for the development of on genume accidents and emergencies, not acting as a clearing acute admissions units to cut

# Whitehall set for autumn offensive in beef war

SARAH HELM Brussels

The government will today launch an autumn campaign to end the six-month-old beef ban by seeking to persuade Euro-pean scientists, meeting in Brussels, that fewer cattle need to be culled than first agreed.

It is now more than two months since John Major claimed victory in the beef war at the Florence summit, saying he had won assurances from his European partners that the ban would soon be over. Mr Major even suggested that the next phase in lifting the ban could start as soon as November.

However, as Brussels returned to work this week, there was no sign of further easing of the blockade until well into next year, or later. The Govemment's only hope of a breakthrough lies in its ability to persuade other member states than the 147,000 envisaged in a that new scientific evidence, selective cull plan agreed by EU

in the number of British cattle which need to be slaughtered. If the slaughter plan can be cut back, the Government stands more chance of winning approval for its eradication measures in a House of Commons vote next month, The Nature study has played into the hands of Euro-sceptics who have used it as proof that the original EUagreed slaughter plan was too harsh. Any easing of the world-

agreed slaughter plan. The new evidence, produced by scientists in Oxford, will be discussed for the first time today by members of the EU's

wide beef ban depends on

Britain's implementation of an

veterinary committee. The study suggested that the number of cattle which must be slaughtered to clear British herds of BSE might be lower

published last month in Nature magazine, justifies a reduction study suggested that new evidence, that BSE can be transmitted from cow to calf, should be taken into account in a revised culling plan, and that BSE would be eradicated from Britain by 2001.

Commission experts say the Oxford findings are being taken very seriously and could lead to a review of the way cattle are targeted for slaughter. But Britain's hopes that it may secure a reduction in the number of cattle targeted for culling are likely to be dashed.

Other member states are continuing to take a hard line against Britain, arguing that much remains to be done to restore consumer confidence in beef. Germany in particular looks certain to oppose any reduction in the number of cattle slaughtered. The German milk industry has even called for a ban on the import of British

milk, following the evidence that

BSE can be transmitted to calves. However, Commission experts say there is no evidence that milk can become infected, and has criticised the German move.

Today's preliminary discussions on a cull reduction will be referred to other specialist committees later in the month, before final decisions are taken by EU agriculture ministers.

In a separate initiative aimed at restoring order to the beef market today, the Commission will propose that all other EU member states agree to ban bovine offals, as a precautionary measure. It will also propose that certain sheep offals be re-

moved from the food chain. To date, other member states have refused to institute the same measures in force in Britain on the grounds that they have no BSE problem. The Commission believes the ban on such offals throughout the EU is common sense.

#### DAILY POEM

**Graecum Est: Non Legitur** 

By Ciaran Carson

The fly made an audible syzygy as it dive-bombed through the dormer and made a rendezvous with this, the page I'm writing on. It was its karma.

This tsetse was a Greek to me, making wishy-washy gestures with its hands And feet. I made to brush it off, before it vaulted

Ceiling-corner of the room. It dithered over to the chandelier-flex And buzzed around it upside down in a stunt-plane Camel helix.

The landing-page approached my crafts as I began to think again. The candle guttered. My enormous hand was writing on the wall. The words began to stutter

As the quill ran out. Syzygy: His dizzy Nibs was back. I took on board more ink. He staggered horse-like towards the blue blot I'd just dropped. Then he began to drink.

Ciaran Carson won the TS Eliot Prize in 1993 for First Language, a collection that used long-lined rhyming couplets in echo of the Irish ballad metre with its crisscross assonances. In Opera Et Cetera, published last week by Bloodaxe (£7.95), they appear again. Here, and as part of a long sequence, Carson spins slender tales around Latin tags.

## School bus rules 'leave lives at risk'

JAMES CUSICK

Regulations to improve the safety of school buses and coaches are "riddled with loopholes that makes them a nonsense", the British Safety Council said yesterday.

Although the Department

of Transport brought in new safety laws last May, with further European Union laws coming into force next Febru-ary, the council, in conjunction with the pressure group Belt Up School Kids (Busk), said that the many exemptions in the rules left children at risk.

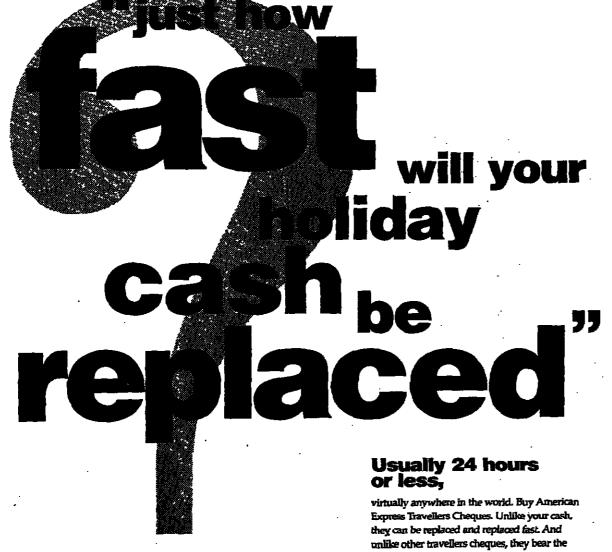
Glenda Jackson, a Labour transport spokesman, is supporting a joint BSC and Busk petition which will be presented to the Government.

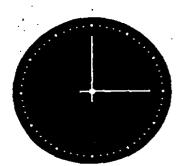
Last May, the Minister for Road Safety, Steven Norris, ended the "three for two" concession which had existed since 1954. That allowed three children under 14 to sit in seats with two belts. It is now a legal requirement to fit a lap belt to

each seat used by a child aged three to 16. From February, EU regulations will make belts compulsory on all mini-buses and coaches, though vehicles registered before 1988 will not need them for another year. However, the "three for two" concession will still apply to buses where there are no beits and where

standing is technically allowed. The BSC and Busk said many old buses - without seatbelts were still used by school authorities and they were exempt from the new laws. The BSC spokeswoman added: "This makes a total nonsense of the new laws. Seatbelts don't exist on these vehicles, and children will still be at risk."

The BSC wants the "three for two" concession to end for all vehicles, thus ending the ability of some operators to legally carry more than 100 children in one vehicle at a time. The BSC added: "If coach companies allowed such scandalous overcrowding, they would quite rightly be prosecuted."





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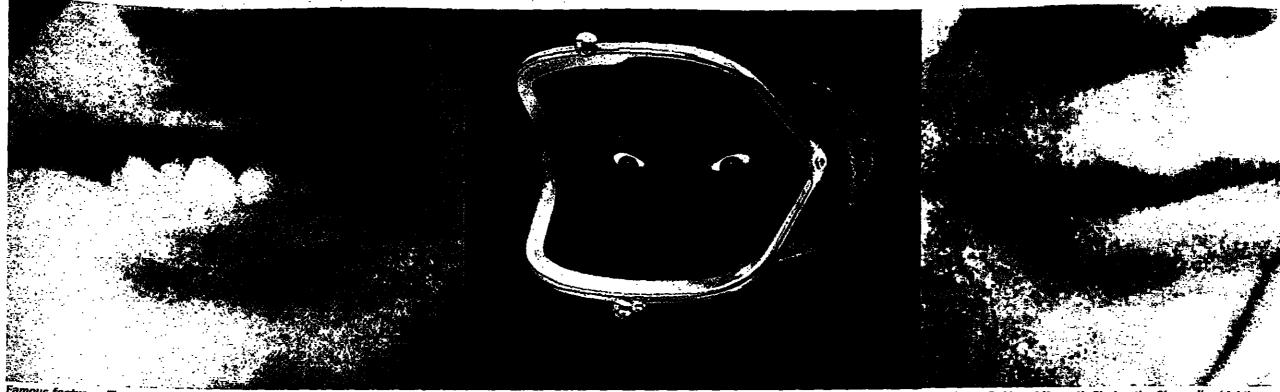
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# Trust us: The men with a message for Britain



Famous features: Those eyes are back, this time in a purse supposedly emptied by Labour taxes on the new poster unveiled yesterday by Tory party chairman Brian Mawhinney (left) and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor (right)

Political Editor

Tories and Labour lay claims and counter-claims in battle to win voters with their tax plans

A harrage of political propaganda about Labour and Conservative tax plans left both parties deadlocked last night. The day's election campaign

began with Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, accusing Labour of planning the introduction of "sly" tax increases - and delivering a strong message of tax cuts to come in his November Budget.

Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative Party chairman, and Mr Clarke then went on to un-

Fleshing out the alleged threat, Mr Clarke said the withdrawal of child benefit from families with children going into sixth forms - "the teenage tax" would cost them £560 a year.

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veil their latest poster - showing the red eyes from their of the new English toxes if you previous portrait of Tony Blair live in Scotland. That's around staring from an empty purse, another £340 a year for an avwith the headline, "New erage family living in Scotland." The private health tax would

> if you had taken out that insurance for your old age." But Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, replied that the same old Tories were telling

cost a pensioner £180 a year -

the same old lies about Labour,

also seized on an answer given by Mr Clarke to a question at a press conference about Conservative intentions to continue to shift the balance from direct to indirect taxation - the reason why value-added taxes. have been increased while income-tax rates have fallen.

The Chancellor told The Independent: "In principle it is right to move, compared with on income tax, and Mr Clarke his only commitment was to the situation we used to have in added: "The tartan tax would add raise a one-off windfall tax on this country, from direct to intransport, VAT to children's vious Parliament."

privatised utility profits. He direct taxation. It's an approach to taxation which is spreading through the Western world. The rationale behind it is that if you reduce marginal tax rates paid by people on their earnings, from their efforts, it has an incentive effect and improves

> Mr. Brown said later: "Mr Clarke cannot escape the fact that he is committed to extending VAT to food, VAT to

clothes, and he cannot escape the fact that in a letter to a constituent, he said this was his eventual aim. Mr Clarke dismissed that

charge as "mythical extensions of VAT". However, having accused Labour of having a hidden tax agenda, he also said he had cut the tax burden: "We have been able to get the tax burden down in the last year of this Parliament below what it

.1992 election - the same level left by Labour in 1978-79. The overall tax burden this year is 36 per cent, and Treasury tables show the actual tax take from the average income fam-

ticularly high at 36.75 per cent.

It was cut back sharply to 34.75

per cent in time for the April

The selection of years was

careful. In the year before the Mr Clarke countered, how-1992 election, the national tax ever, that real weekly take burden, as a proportion of nahome pay, for the same family, tional income excluding the had risen by £700 a year since North Sea oil sector, was par-1991-92 - the purse that Labour

was intent on picking. Against the background of the day's battle, it was left to John Major to pick up the inevitable conclusion. "We are now in the business of being able to reduce taxes." he said during a campaign tour of Preston.

ily with two children has risen

from 32.7 per cent in 1992-93 to 34.3 per cent this year, in di-

rect and indirect taxes.

Taxing high earners, page 17



Slackening shackles of low-pay poverty The aggression of this week's Conservative attack on Labour plans to halve the starting rate of income tax to 10 pence in the

help the low-paid.
In the 1970s, the great Tory charge against Labour was that it was inflicting punitive top tax rates of 83 per cent on earnings, and 98 pence on savings, of the country's wealth-cre-



nound has confused the point since reduced to 40 pence for that the policy is designed to both earnings and investment income, the punishment is now being meted out to those least able to afford it - the low-paid. As The Independent report-

ed yesterday, the poverty trap is alive, and kicking the lowest income groups.

couple with two children can lose 97p in the pound in tax and benefits on earnings above £98,22 a week.

In such a case, the breadwinner would only see £1.50 of a £50 pay rise - the difference between £140 and £190 a week would hardly be worth a good

But the DSS calculations show that there are even worse

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partment of Social Security tax-benefit calculations, a married there are points at which the there are points at which the comes "fully disregarded" in low-paid can actually lose

money.

Take, for example, a married couple with one child under five, and a full-time earner on £190 a week.

The DSS estimates that the family would be left with a net income of £132.27 after housing costs in an average private tenancy, and tax and national insurance contributions of £34.18

housing benefit calculations on a weekly income of £193.83, a pay rise of £30 a week, to £220, would leave that family £3.99 a

week worse off. The DSS says the "marginal deduction rate" becomes 123.1 per cent at that point - the family loses 23p for every extra pound earned.

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Because family credit be-omes "fully disregarded" in to help such people - not only by reducing their tax burden, but also by ensuring that the tax cut is not immediately clawed back through benefit cuts.

The shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, said yesterday: "The 10p starting rate is a good long-term objective because it is good for creating jobs and for giving work incentives.

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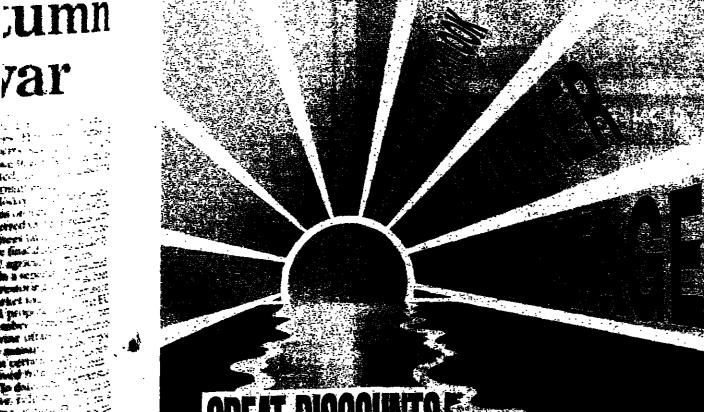
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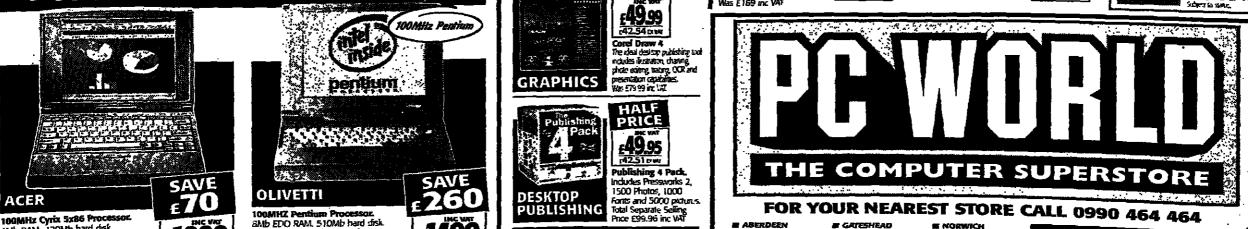
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# Parents' right to smack is

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

Parents should keep the right to administer "reasonable chastisement" of their children, the Government will argue before the European Commission of Human Rights on Monday. UK law should remain unchanged, it will argue, despite a series of court rulings that have sanctioned severe beatings, often involving the use of implements.

An application to the Strasbourg commission is being brought after a man was acquitted of assaulting his stepson. The boy, now 11, and his natural father are complaining that the punishment amounted to inhuman and degrading treatment, which is outlawed by article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and that the state failed to secure protection of the boy's rights under the provision. He had been repeatedly caned between the ages of five and eight.

More than 60 children's and health organisations, including the NSPCC, the British Paediatric Association and the National Childminding Association, have called for smacking to be outlawed. In a case that emerged this

week, a father was arrested

and charged with slapping his 12-year-old son and was later

bound over to keep the peace. But far from outlawing smacking, UK law has proved it is prepared to countenance far more severe punishments. The 1933 Children and Young Persons Act allows parents and other carers to administer corporal punishment, leaving it to the courts to decide what amounts to "reasonable" chastisement.

In a series of cases, parents who beat their children with canes, electric flex, belts, whips and riding crops have been ac quitted of assault or cruelty charges. Examples include a father who admitted taking down his teenage son's trousers and repeatedly hitting him with a belt, breaking his skin and causing bruising. He was acquitted Cambridge magistrates.

The Government will argue that the 1933 law should remain in force and that the boy and his father have failed to exhaust UK legal remedies by failing to take out a civil action for assault against the stepfather.

If the application is declared "admissible" it is likely to be referred for a full hearing by the European Court of Human Rights. If found to have breached the convention, the Government would be obliged, eventually, to change the law.

# Dartmoor's enchanted acorns fall on stony ground



Under the greenwood tree: A walker among the gnarled oaks, now a designated nature reserve

Environment Correspondent

One of Britain's strangest woods, a kind of Bonsai rainforest, has been designated a National Nature Reserve. Wistman's Wood on Dartmoor is made up of dwarf pedunculate oaks, stunted and gnarled by growing on boulders and poor, peaty soil at 1,300 feet.

It derives its rainforest look from the ferns, greyish lichens and lush, bright green mosses which grow on the trees, smothering the bark and festooning the branches. They like the clean air and the dampness which comes with about 80 inches of precipitation per year. It usually rains for more than 200 days a year at Wistman's - and when it doesn't, there

are often mists. W<u>istm</u>an's had been suffering from heavy overgrazing by straying sheep and cattle. But the new tenant farmer, who rents the wood and surrounding moor from the Duchy of Cornwall, has put up fencing and has undertaken not to use any agrochemicals on the land.

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# Labour's green spokesman defies Blair

Michael Meacher proposes higher taxes on the rich and ballots on directors' pay

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Michael Meacher, newly promoted as Labour spokesman on green issues, has called for higher taxes on the rich, and for workforces to be given a vote on company directors' pay.

The public expression of his views, in an interview with The Independent, cuts across Tony Blair's tax-cutting, non-interventionist message to business leaders earlier this week.

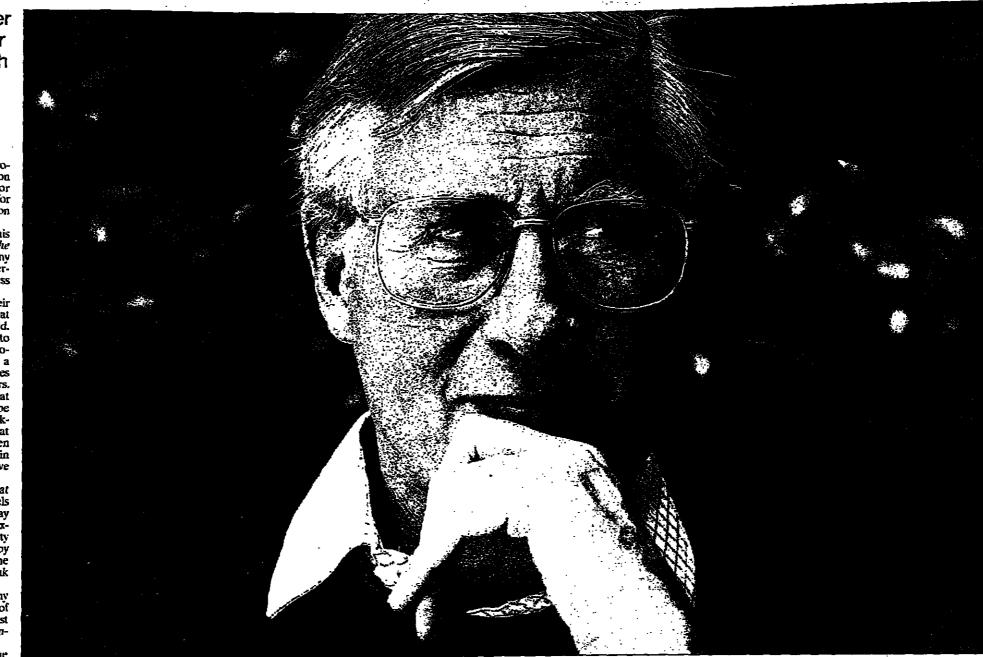
Ballots of employees on their directors' pay are "an idea that should be considered", he said. Taking up Mr Blair's desire to create a "stakeholder economy", he said: "If we have a stakeholder concept, employees are clearly major stakeholders. All that I'm saying is that that interest ought somehow to be reflected in the decision-making. And I certainly think that the balance of pay between top and bottom is something in which they do legitimately have

Mr Meacher claimed that "the Government itself feels that a good deal of this top pay is absolutely abhorrent and excessive" and, asked if society should signal its disapproval by higher taxes which "soak the rich", he said: "I certainly think we should consider it."

Mr Blair has ruled out any implications for company law of his "stakeholder" vision, and last weekend said he had no intention of "soaking the rich".

Mr Meacher said: "Tax is the most sensitive word. Even to utter the word is a risk, as we've seen." (An an oblique reference to the fate of Clare Short. his Shadow Cabinet colleague demoted this summer for saying people on MPs' incomes should pav more tax.)

In a wide-ranging interview



Michael Meacher: 'Labour is more naturally green than the Tories because we don't have huge, in-built vested interests in roads or market forces' Photograph: Herbie Knott

Meacher refused to back down in his dogfight over water quality with Sir Desmond Pitcher, the £310,000-a-year boss of

North West Water. Sir Desmond, who took out advertisements attacking Mr

last week, is Labour's number one privatised utility "fat cat". Mr Meacher said he would not bathe in the sea at Blackpool, and challenged Sir Desmond and John Gummer. Secretary of State for the En-

jump off the pier. "Will Sir Desmond Pitcher join John Gummer in a swim through the water?" he asked.

He said Labour is certainly "more naturally green" than the Tories, because "we don't have on his new portfolio. Mr Meacher in the national press vironment, to take a running these huge, in-built vested in-

terests, either in favour of roads or in favour of market forces. We are far more willing to look at consequences, and far more willing to regulate".

He denied using green issues to reassert Labour's traditional instinct for state regulation.

that he is out of tune with New Labour, saying: "I'm grossly stereotyped, and I would be grateful if you could take me for what I am and for what you find me to be." One of the longestserving members of the Shad-ow Cabinet, Mr Meacher was first elected when he failed to win the deputy Labour leadership as Tony Benn's "disciple on

earth" in 1983. He stood by the proposals he made in his 1992 book Diffusing Power, which was published with the approval of the late John Smith before he was elected leader, but which will be regarded with suspicion by "New"

As well as saying that richer nations might have to contribute to a £200bn fund to tackle global warming, they include a 75 per cent tax rate on incomes above £100,000 a year and giving one-third of the votes at company annual general meetings to employees.

He told The Independent the ideas in his book are "only suggestions for dealing with what

He also rejected the notion are quite difficult problems. Inequality has polarised to such a huge degree, back to the Edwardian or Victorian era."

As for richer nations having to foot poorer countries' bills for cutting the emissions that cause global warming, he said: "If we want a cleaner world and if we are affected by what they do, then we've got to help them."

He said he will be "pressing very strongly" for Environmental Protection to be a sep-

arate government department if Labour wins the election. Although many green objectives do not need big public

spending increases, he added that a Labour government could spend an extra £80n a year on "public investment" without putting up taxes.
In a calculation which might

alarm Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, who says Labour would keep a tight grip on public spending, Mr Meacher said that, if the economy grew at 25 per cent a year, it would produce about £8bn every year in extra tax revenue, "without any increase in taxes".

## Mitchell urged to rescue talks

ALAN MURDOCH Dublin

London and Dublin are to look to the diplomacy of former United States Senator George Mitchell to defuse the row over death threats against two loyalist. dissidents. The dispure threatens the fringe Unionist parties' presence at Northern Ireland

multi-party talks. The Democratic Unionist. Party is expected to challenge formally the right of the small Progressive Unionist Parly to attend talks when they resume at Stormont on Monday following the summer break.

The PUP has close links with the paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force, part of the Combined Loyalist Military Command (CLMC), which last week threatened UVF dissidents Billy Wright and Alex Kerr with "summary justice" un-less they left Northern Ireland. Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, said this week his party would not attend the talks unless the fringe loyalist parties repudiated threats of violence. Mr Kerr, a former south Belfast UDA commander,

is in custody facing charges of helping organise a meeting of an illegal organisation. David Ervine of the PUP has said the attack on the Kerr family was not ordered by the CLMC.

Yesterday's informal Anglo-Irish conference in Dublin was overshadowed by pessimism about the prospects of progress in the Stormont talks.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Sir Patrick Mayhew, acknowledged "a lot of damage" had been done by the events surrounding Orange marches. "Everybody understands that there is resentment, there is fear, there is revived rejudice," he said.

He conceded that doubts about the talks' future remained after Unionist procedural stalling in June and July. "If there is not a will to make things work they can't be made to work. But I believe everybody does want to make [it] work."

Meanwhile, both the SDLP and Sinn Fein condemned the action of DUP Mid-Ulster MP in appearing and speaking at a rally held in Portadown on Wednesday night in support of Mr Wright.

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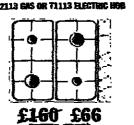
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Brid Rodgers of the SDLP said Mr McCrea had made a highly inflammatory speech in highly volatile situation. Mr McCrea said he had been

standing up for the democratic right of free speech.

A number of loyalists in south Belfast, including a prominent figure in the Ulster Defence Association, have been warned by police that their lives are in danger from the UVF in Mid-Ulster.













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# Warner stalls Over release of £30m IRA fil

DAVID LISTER

The release in Britain of the new £30m film on the IRA's founding father. Michael Collins, may be delayed because of Hollywood tears that it could spark renewed IRA violence. The film, which stars Liam

Neeson and Julia Roberts, is directed by Neil Jordan, the British director who made The Crying Game, the highly suc-cessful film about an IRA man who falls in love with a trans-

Jordan's movie about Collins was praised last month at the film. "I challenge anyone to Venice Film festival and opens in Los Angeles in a few weeks. In yesterday's edition of Screen International, Collins is given an October release date in Britain. But Warner Brothers are that's a good thing. Yesterday's stalling on naming a release date terrorist is today's statesman. I in the UK or Ireland.

One insider said yesterday: We haven't cancelled the re- the film as soon as Warner lease in Britain, but we are watching the situation. If we had a mainland bombing campaign we would have to think hard tion, predicted that the film about whether the film could in- would be shown in Britain as flame the situation, and soon as Warner gave it the go

release it."

Warner Brothers in London an audience for it," he said. yesterday denied reports that pressure had been put on the Hollywood parent company by President Clinton, amdous to see Northern Ireland peace talks start again before the American presidential elections in November.

Robert Daly, chairman of Warner Brothers, said: "This is not a film we are hiding, but we will be sensitive to conditions in the world at the time."

Neil Jordan defended his demonstrate a more accurate historical movie," he said. "It's going to be moving and traumatic when the British and Irish public see the film. But make no apology for that."

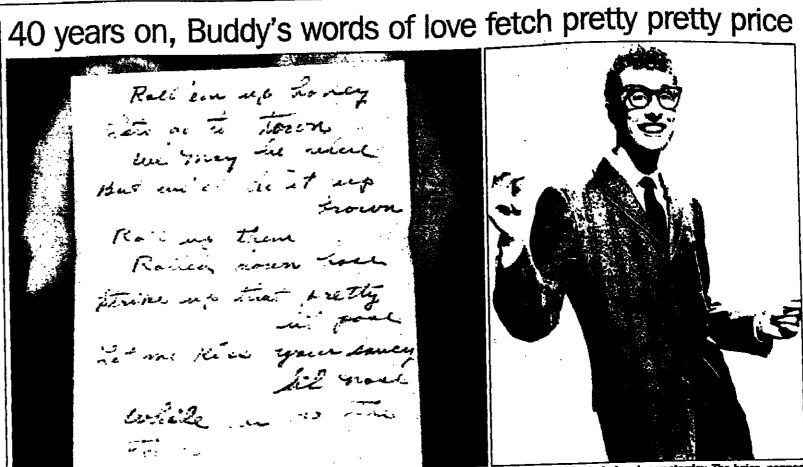
Cinemas are certain to show makes the decision to release it. John Wilkinson, president of the Cinema Exhibitors' Associa-

ahead, "It will be put on where exhibitors believe there will be

Simon Burke, chairman of Virgin Cinemas, said yesterday:
"We don't shy away from
putting on controversial films... Michael Collins is a charismatic figure and it will be a good film. I don't really think it's got political overtones that are relevant today."

No release date has been given yet for another film, Devil's Own, starring Brad Pitt as an IRA man on the run. Columbia Pictures, which made the film, is also said to be studying the political situation.

Work on both films began while the IRA ceasefire was in



Rave on: This fragment of an unpublished song by Buddy Holly fetched £690 at a Christie's pop memorabilia sale in London yesterday. The tyrics, penned in 1956, were written on the reverse side of a City and School Tax Notice for the town of Lubbock, Texas, the singer's birthplace Photograph: Herbie Knott

Much excitement this week over the discovery of the female answer to Vikram Seth. Seth transfixed the literary world three and a half years ago with his mammoth tale of Lata's husband-hunt, A Suitable Boy. Now Arundhati Roy has become the first Indian woman to hit the top rank. She has won advances of half a million pounds for her 400-page first novel The God of Small Things. Roy admits to bewilderment at the frenzied reception to her book, which recounts the death of a small girl in south India through the voices of her twin cousins. Philip Gwyt Jones, editorial director of Flamingo Books, which bought

through, even on a first book." The judges of the 1996 Booker Prize for Fiction have met to select their longlist of novels. Traditionally this is the time when the first rows, controversies and inexplicable exclusions of worthy books are reported,

the UK rights for more than £150,000, said: "It's a

masterpiece. It proves that real

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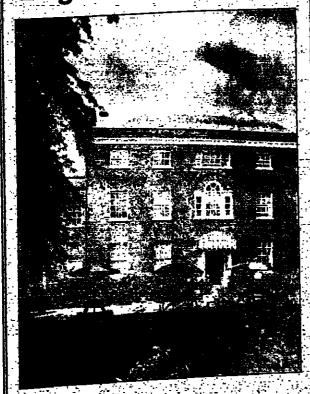
up The Art Book, which won the British Book Award the year, with The 20th Century Art Book. Like its predecessor, this beautiful work, to be published in October, is no snip at £25 but any book that is such a no arguments over which artists to feature: the exhaustive list ranges from

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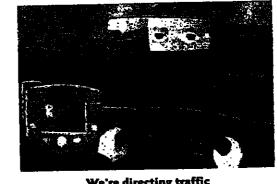
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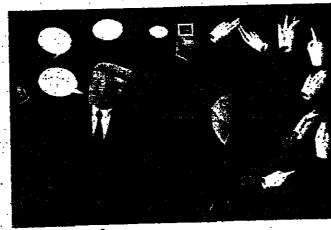
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# France walks tightrope over Iraq

MARY DEJEVSKY

France will continue to take part in allied air patrols of the original no-fly zone over southern Iraq, but will not patrol the extension of the zone declared by the United States earlier this week. The decision, contained in a French foreign-ministry statement issued after the departure from Paris of the US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, means that France will maintain its involvement in the western alliance on existing terms and an open split between France and other

been averted. However, the decision also allows France to remain publicly

members of the alliance has

#### President Chirac is maintaining a delicate

balancing act over US bombs

aloof from the US cruise missile attacks on northern Iraq and the extension of the no-fly zone that accompanied them. While not actually condemning the US action. France has said that Baghdad was within its rights to deploy forces in the Kurdish area of northern Iraq and that any measures taken should be agreed by the United Nations. It has also insisted that Iraq's territorial integrity should be

When the Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, announced in response to the US attacks that Iraq would cease to observe the two UN-imposed no-fly zones in the north and south of the country. France made no comment. The clear distinction be- and then corrected by the it appears there will be none.

tween France's view of the US raids and that of its major European allies, Britain and Germany, earned France inclusion in a special message of thanks sent by Saddam Hussein which

tour assumed new significance after the raids on Iraq, and the

the least that Mr Christopher could have hoped for. US officials made no secret of the fact that they hoped France could be persuaded to support Washngton's position. The French defence ministry had earlier confirmed that French planes had taken part in patrols over the southern no-fly zone since the US attacks, but had not gone north of the 32nd paral-lel. Washington extended the zone to the 33rd parallel. While France is being widely por-trayed as hostile to the US action, and is doing nothing to counter that impression, its actual position may be more ambiguous. Mr Chirac himself has so far said nothing on the issue. He did, however, receive the US ambassador to France on Wednesday evening, Ms Pamela Harriman, as a prelude to Mr Christopher's visit.

Over the past few days there has been some discrepancy about how far France has acted on its apparent disapproval for US action. The foreign min-istry on Tuesday initially said that French planes would not take part in further patrols of the no-fly zones. This was later contested by Washington,

also went to Russia and China. The French foreign ministry statement was issued at the end of Mr Christopher's fivehour visit to Paris, sandwiched between meetings in London and Bonn. Although planned weeks before, the US Secretary of State's whistle-stop European

Turidsh empire in the Middle East and Iraq became a kingdom administered by Britain under a mandate from the League of Navisit to Paris became crucial. France's agreement to con-tinue patrolling the original no-fly zone, however, seems tions. Washington had promised an independent Kurdistan but this was frustrated by London. The Mosul oil wells were in Kur-dish territory and Britain wanted to place them under Iraqi (ie British) control). When the Kurdish tribes revolted in the 1920s, he RAF bombed them. initaln's direct role ended with the over throw of the Hashewite dynasty — and ex-pulsion of British administrators — in 1958. Fear of the Iranian mullahs led Margaret. Thatcher's government to flout its own rules on arms shipments and covertly back Saddam in the 1980-88 Iran-traq war.
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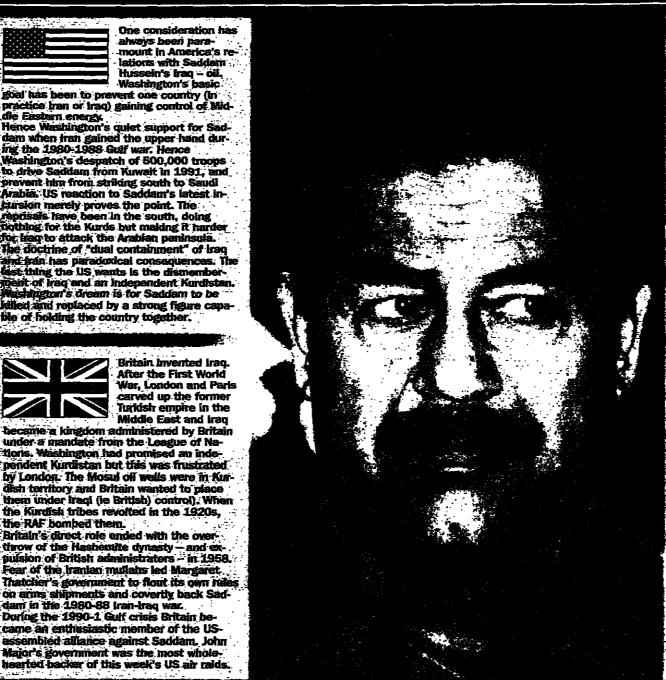
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The Baghdad riddle: How the main Western powers have managed to make a mess over their policy towards Iraq

There are plenty of reasons why Moscow up in arms about the assault on Iraq, not least of which is big perate to get its hands on \$70n (£4.60n) ed by Baghdad, but has no hope of doing while sanctions remain in force. Russian

commanies hoped to eash in on joint ven-tures in Iraq's oil fields once the UN sancthree in Ireq's oil fields once the UN sanc-tions were lifted, and were jockeying for husiness. Last year Russia signed a con-tract in develop iran's gas and oil fields, but, under pressure from the US, the Krem-lin agreed not to go shead with the deal while sanctions were in force. But the relationship with trag dates back to Sovjet times when Moscow was keen to consistence its influence in the Arab

counterbalance US influence in the Arab counterpaiance US intigence in the Arab World. Some of Iraq's major Industries were developed with the help of Soviet expertise. By cosying up to the had boys — Iran and Iraq — Russia is doing what it can to challenge the global supremacy of the US, restoring a small part of the bargaining power that it lost when the Soviet Union fell apart.

France has long cultivated both diplomatic and commercial relations with iraq, which it regarded, at least until the invasion of

Rupell, as a friend in the region. It has lu-crative arms contracts dating from the Sev-enties. French technical and financial eistance helped Iraq to build the Osirak nuclear reactor near Baghdad which was de-stroyed by Israel in 1981.

France was the first member of the Western ing after the Gulf war. The election last year of President Jacques Chirac, committed to raising France's profile in traditional areas of French influence, including the Middle East, gave the inciplent reopening towards traq a further push.

Frence considers that it "understands" Arab countries in a way English spending countries, particularly the US, do not and has been keen to counter what it sees as Washington's monopoly of inflittence in the Middle East. A delegation of French businessmen, supported by ministerial officials, visited Iraq in April.

# Clinton basks in the afterglow of attack

Political bonus for President, writes Rupert Cornwell

What evidence there is sug-gests France is engaged in a delicate balancing act, trying to

learted backer of this week's US air raids

maintain its recent commercial and diplomatic opening to Iraq, to reserve the possibility of a future intermediary role between the Arab world and the US, and also to ensure that its recent rapprochement with Nato is not jeopardised. Lost in all the juggling is any sense of a common European position. There has been no European consultation on the situation in Iraq - and

and thus far apparently successful face-down of Saddam Hussein, President Bill Clinton is reaping rich political fruits at home. But, as he and his advisers know well, the Iraqi dictator may not always be such an asset to his re-election campaign. The immediate domestic re-

onse has been utterly predictable. Among international villains, Saddam has long been

America's most wanted, and the retaliatory strikes have seen the public rallying to the President, in his role as commander-inchief. At least three-quarters of the populace approve of the reprisals. Somewhat more sur-prising. Mr Clinton, Vietnam draft-evader and not a man known for his military prowess, is judged more capable than his Republican opponent, Bob

the crisis in the Gulf. For the moment indeed, Saddam has been an unqualified political bonus for Mr Clinton. With one lunge into Kurdish northern Iraq, he has helped banish the President's image of weak leadership" on matters of foreign policy. He has com-prehensively driven Mr Dole from the news, except to the extent the Republican throws his if a major civilian target is hit perhaps not for much longer.

World War hero, of handling

support behind White House

dling of the Iraqi crisis. Last but not least, as some of Mr Clinton's aides privately acknowledge, Saddam's return to the front pages has thrown a veil over the embarrassing story of Dick Morris, the President's disgraced ex-political consultant, and his cavortings with a Washington prostitute. Foreign policy may not be much of an issue in the 1996 election. but if the President holds a 20point lead or more in the polls, Saddam is surely one of the

smaller reasons. Look a little further ahead changes. The election is still two months off, and nothing is more fickle than American pub-lic opinion. If the skirmishing drags on, if Mr Clinton is forced to escalate his response,

or, worst of all, American lives are lost, then the mood may change. Already some in the Re-publican-led Congress are starting to grumble, about the lack of prior consultation on the part of Mr Clinton, and his inability to resurrect the 1990/91 Gulf war coalition assembled by George Bush.

Not least this is a crisis built

on an American diplomatic ile alliance between the Kurdish factions that had been the centrepiece of US efforts to keep Saddam from rebuilding his influence in the north. With however, and the picture the appeal of the Kurdistan Democratic Party for help from Baghdad the gate was open. With cruise missiles roaving forth from from US ships and bombers, this aspect of the crisis has been overlooked, but

The greatest difficulty for Mr Clinton however will arise if Iraq continues to needle him. The destruction of command and control targets in the South may make Kuwait and Saudi Arabia sleep more soundly at night, and let off a little of Washington's frustrations. But it hardly addresses the problem of the Kurds.

Saddam almost certainly sees himself as a net winner of the first round, a much strengthened position in the north in exinstallations in the south. Accordingly he may choose to ratchet up the pressure, obliging Mr Clinton to order stronger action to maintain the credibility of both his own and his country's leadership. By then, however, international support could have waned even further and the Republicans might have taken the gloves off - reducing his Saddam-induced glow in the public mind to a memory.









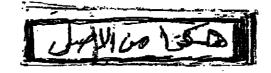




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The US attacks on Iraq have reminded the world of the strategic importance of a remote British island in the middle of the Indian Ocean. The massive B-52 bombers which joined in the missile strikes flew via Diego Garcia, a US Navy base with a 12,000ft runway on a British tropical island.

The 240-ton Stratofortresses. which had flown from Guam in the Pacific in the third longestrange air-attacks ever, refuelled at Diego Garcia on the way home. Contrary to early reports. the RAF did not refuel the bombers in the air. "We are incapable of refuelling B-52s in

the air," an RAF source said. The island is a coral atoll of about 11 square miles, enclosing a 100ft-deep lagoon. In the Chagos Archipelago, it is part of the British Indian Ocean Ter-

Both British and US flags fly over the island, which was annexed by Britain along with Mauritius on 3 December 1810 and formally ceded to Britain by France at the Treaty of Paris in May 1814. Like many of Britain's earlier possessions, it was acquired under a strategy of controlling the oceans; East Africa, Singapore, Cal-cutta and Australia are within 3,000 miles of it.

A British-US agreement of 1966, revised in 1976, makes the islands of the British Indian Ocean Territory available for "defence purposes" to both governments. The arrangement is similar to that governing the use of US Air Force routes, including the supply of facilities such as RAF Laken-oil from the Gulf". It played a beath or Fairford, in Britain.

The 1976 agreement specifies there should be consultation on military uses to

Christopher Bellamy on a British atoll's strategic value

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tives, policies and action" are involved.

With the British Government the only one in the world to express whole-hearted support for the US attacks on southern Iraq, that agreement was not in doubt, but the US consulted Britain anyway, if only out of politeness.

"In no way is it leased to the Americans," the Foreign Office said yesterday. "By bilateral agreement we own and administer the island. The US have a military installation there. The US authorities consult us in advance through the normal diplomatic channels about using the defence facilities."

The British presence consists of 30 Royal Navy and Royal Marine personnel. Some 900 US personnel are based on the island, along with five ships loaded with equipment for a US marine expeditionary brigade. The brigade, 15,000-strong, would fly in and leave on the ships ready to sail to any nearby trouble-spots, probably in Africa or the Middle East.

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## Isolated P turns to Iran for weapons

Sulaymaniya, Iraq (Reuter) — The Kurdish militia leader Jalal Talahani, claiming that he faced renewed attack by Iraq and a rival Kurd faction, said yesterday he was ready to seek Iranian

"We will call support from any country which is ready to help us - from Iran, Syria or Turkey," he said in his stronghold in northern Iraq.

Iraq and the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) have accused Iran of sending troops into northern Iraq to help Mr Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). Mr Talabani said he had "unfortunately not received arms and support

"There is no possibility for peace now in this area," Mr Talabani said in Sulaymaniya, 70 miles from the Iranian border. He added that Iraqi armoured cars and tanks launched a new attack from the south aided by KDP troops. Chamchamal had been bombarded the last two days by tanks and artillery and Sulaymaniya would be next.

In Washington, officials said they saw no evidence of any lraqi fighting or troop build-up

to threaten Sulaymaniya. Saddam Hussein's troops, backing the KDP, on Saturday chased Mr Talabani's guerrillas from the northern Iraqi re-

gional capital of Arbil, prompting the US retaliation this week. Mr Talabani said the PUK had informed the United States of Iraq's plans, and accused Washington of being too slow off the mark.

"They were afraid of the Republican Guards," Mr Talabani said. "The Republican Guards would make a bigger attack and too much blood will fall." Washington, while dishking Saddam, was afraid of an uprising in Iraq, and preferred to wait for a "slow and caim" change of administration.

Mr Talabani said his forces were better prepared in Sulaymaniya and in a stronger position because the town was protected by mountains. Arbil

lies on flat, bare land. "But without the help of the US and [allied] forces, it is not easy to stop them," he said.
The US has proposed that

the KDP and the PUK resume peace talks aborted in London with the attack on Arbil.

The KDP leader, Massoud Barzani has welcomed a re-sumption of talks, but Mr Talabani has ruled it out.

"Barzani is an agent of Sad-dam," Mr Talabani said. "So why should we talk to him? We will talk to his master if anything ... And we are not ready to talk to Saddam, he is a butcher."

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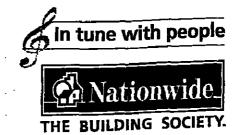
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# Bihac feels menace of imam's knock

Andrew Gumbel reports on the sinister tactics being used on Muslims in the run up to elections

forces a receding memory, but plenty of Muslims living in the Bihac pocket in north-western Bosnia still have reason to fear a knock on the door. These days the unwelcome visitor is not likely to be a thug threatening violence or expulsion, but rather the imam from the local

mosque. Hundreds of people suspected of disloyalty towards the ruling Muslim nationalist party, the SDA, have been visited by their local clerics, sometimes accompanied by agents of Bosnia's internal security service, in the run-up to the elections on 14 September.

The questions are delivered in a friendly manner but every one is laden with menace. How is the family? How are you managing to rebuild your life? You wouldn't want to do anything unwise and jeopardise all that, would you? "The message is quite clear: We know who you are and if you step out of line you might just get shot in the head," said one western official who has heard several stories of this kind.

In many respects, the election campaign in the Bihac pocket looks like the continuation of war by other means. The Muslim-dominated area suffered a double trauma during the fighting: not only a long, debilitat-ing siege by the Serbs, but also an internal conflict between the government's Fifth Army and a renegade force led by a local potentate, Fikret Abdic. who had ambitions to make the area autonomous.

Mr Abdic has taken refuge in Croatia but many of the men who fought for him have tried to resume their former lives. Many were given "welcome beatings" when they returned to the area, according to human-rights monitors, and have found it almost impossible to get work. Mr Abdic's party, the DNZ, has put up candidates for the elections but has been unable to campaign openly for fear of violence.

Such tensions have poisoned the electoral process. The other opposition parties in the area say their supporters too

The war may be over and the have been thrown out of jobs threat from besieging Serb and harassed by a ruling party and harassed by a ruling party apparently determined to control every aspect of public life. Their posters have been sys-tematically ripped down and ordinary citizens are too scared to

display them in their windows.

The SDA is trying to make us all out to be Abdic supporters. One of their election slogans reads 'Vote for us, not for the enemies of Bosnia," said Ibrahim Topic, a candidate for the Social Democrat Party who lost his job as a teacher-trainer nearly three years ago and has been excluded from em-

In the first three weeks of last month, armed gangs roving the streets after the curfew hour of 11pm Jaunched 28 bomb attacks against opposition figures, bringing the climate, in the words of an election official from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, to "the verge of civil war". The SDA-controlled police, who are supposed to enforce the curfew, appear to have seen nothing.

The attacks have become

much less frequent since Carl Bildt and other senior international mediators visited the area late last month and urged local SDA leaders to restore order for the sake of their own reputation. Opposition campaigning has resumed, albeit with the help of heavy protection by local and international police. But the climate of intimidation has persisted.

The role of the Islamic clergy is particularly striking. There are SDA posters outside many mosques, especially in the countryside, and imams are constantly making pitches in favour of the ruling party in people's houses, at public meetings and even, according to some international observers, during religious ceremonies. Many are SDA members, seeing no conflict of interest between their religious and political roles.

The Serbs may have de-

stroyed our mosques but they created thousands of them in our people's hearts," said Djemal Ljubijankic, imam in the village of Liskovac. "The SDA is



Mask of unity: A child at a raily for the Bosnian Muslim nationalists in

its religion and nationality." The religious tolerance that

the SDA espouses towards Catholic Croats and Orthodox Serbs does not seem to apply to its own people. So strongly has institutionalised Islam become associated with the ruling party that many people who are not naturally religious have started attending mosques to protect themselves and their families. Imams like Mr Ljubijankic

tell them that the opposition parties are pro-Abdic or procommunist groups who want to suppress free expression of religious faith, and that the bomb attacks are merely struggles between rival gangs of wartime smugglers.

According to international observers and opposition groups, imams in rural areas have spread rumours that votthe only party not ashamed of ing will not be secret - so any-

one daring to vote for the opposition will be found out. To make sure everyone votes just once, the election monitors plan to mark people who have cast their ballot with an invisible ink that shows up under a light sensor," Mr Topic said.

"But the imams have distorted this, saying that people are going to have their fingerprints taken like suspected crimmaks. In the countryside, where people are not educated and in many cases not even literate, these stories are believed."

Not everyone in the Islamic community approves of this manipulation of religion for political reasons. But dissenting mams are too scared to speak up. "If I could change anything, I would try no matter what the price," said one, who did not wish to be identified. "But for the moment it is useless."

# Bosnian war criminal suspect funded by West

**Europe Editor** 

Drive through the Drina valley in eastern Bosnia and you will see election campaign posters plastered with images of one of the most fearsome Serb paramilitary commanders of the 1991-95 Yugoslav wars. His name is Zeliko Razniatovic, but he is better known by his nom de guerre of Arkan. Arkan was identified in 1992

by the US State Department as a suspected war criminal, alleged to be responsible for massacres of Croat and Muslim civilians in Croatia and Bosnia. It therefore comes as a surprise to learn that a political party led by Arkan has qualified for up to £130,000 in Western-supplied campaign funds for Bosnia's first post-war elections.

The Party of Serb Unity is entitled to receive the money from the Organisation of Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the international body supervising the elections on 14 September. The fact that Arkan's candidates are openly advocating the unification of the

Serb-held region of Bosnia with Serbia itself - in direct contradiction of last year's Dayton peace settlement - has not prompted the OSCE to deny Arkan's party the money.

Jean Ouellet, an OSCE official involved in preparing the elections, said: "The political campaign funding is basically for all political parties to get their message across. We may not like some of them, we may not agree with some of them, but we cannot censor them."

For Bosnian Muslim politicians and for United Nations officials based in former Yugoslavia who

record, this is a shameful and inadequate response. They point out that, even before the Yugoslav wars broke out, Arkan was on Interpol's wanted list as a bank

Some argue that Arkan, whose career interests are known to have extended in recent years from brutal "ethnic cleansing" in the Drina Valley to lucrative black market dealings in petrol in Belgrade, should be treated as a criminal suspect rather than as a politician.

OSCE officials, and Western diplomats, note that the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague has not yet formally indicted Arkan as a war criminal - and may never do so. Moreover, Arkan, a native of Serbia is not attempting to break the Dayton agreement by personally running for office in the Bosnian elections.

Nevertheless, the fact that Arkan's openly Serbian expansionist party has been deemed to be entitled to official campaign money seems likely to knock a big dent into the credibility of the elections.

Juppé cuts taxes French morale

MARY DEJEVSKY

France was last night due to announce tax reforms aimed at making its highly complex system simpler, fairer and less burdensome for the low-paid.

The French Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, went on national television last night to present the outline of a long-awaited plan, which will put up to 25bn francs back into French pock-ets from 1997. It also has the wider aim of improving na-tional morale and increasing the depressed purchasing power of French consumers in the hope of fostering economic growth and fending off incipient labour

unrest this autumn.

The reform, which will take effect over five years (1997 2002), will increase the thi old at which tax becomes be able and lift up to two milion more people out of the tax not. It will also cut the top rate of tax which, at 56.8 per cent, French officials recognise, is driving some of the country's mast enterprising individuals abroad. The wealth tax will remain.

The value of the tax concessions is forecast to reach Fr75bn by the time the reform is completed, with the cost being partly recouped by an increase in taxes on petrol, alcohol and cig-

Although Mr Juppé went to

unusual lengths to ensure a favourable reception for the reform - presenting it in advance to a clutch of ex-prime ministers, senior parliamentarians and selected French journalists - the early response was grudging. Many commentators said that the amount being given back to the taxpayer (an average of Fr1,780, or £223) was considerably less than what was taken away by the Juppé government in its first year in office. The 2 per cent rise in VAT just over a year ago - to 20 per cent - has been a particular bone of contention and is not affected by the measures.

Steffi al

The total effect of the reform on purchasing power - and thus on economic growth may also be less than Mr Juppé would like taxpayers to believe. The tax burden in France is relatively low. It is not tax, but the equivalent of national insurance contributions, that has hit French employees hardest.

Many people in the professions and old nationalised industries, could find their income tax bill rises after the reform. The rationalisation proposed by Mr Juppé includes removing a wide assortment of tax breaks peculiar to individual groups. The battle with these powerful factions is only just beginning.



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## Nato anger at Serbs as shots fired

Sarajevo (Reuter) - Nato issued a stern warning to Bosnian Serb leaders yesterday after a British Army patrol was forced to fire into the air to dis-perse a hostile crowd in Serb terrotory.

Yesterday the soldiers chose to fire a warning shot. The next time the consequences could be fatal," US Admiral Joseph Lopez, commander of the Nato-led peace force (I-For) in Bosnia, said. "Our troops will in Bostila, said. "Our troops will do what is necessary ... if they are required to protect the lives of other 1-For troops."

A British patrol was escort-ing two Serb police armoured vehicles in the North-west town

of Banja Luka on Wednesday when they discovered unau-thorised vehicles and weapons in the convoy, including an anti-aircraft gun and a rocket launcher, Nato spokesmen said.

As the 10-member patrol confiscated the weapons and ve-hicles, an angry crowd of some 200 civilians surrounded the British soldiers, said Nato spokesman Major Brett Boudreau. When civilians tried to overturn one of the patrol's Land-Rovers, the senior soldier, a sergeant, fired a warning shot into the air, dispersing the crowd, he said.

The British patrol drove on but when they stopped to re-group they were surrounded again by a mob and Serb police cars. To defuse the tension the confiscated weapons were tak-en by the British to a Bosnian Serb army barracks. Later they were taken to the I-For base on the outskirts of Banja Luka.

Admiral Lopez said the in-cident showed "dangerous and irresponsible behaviour" by Bosnian Serb police, and praised the British patrol for exercising restraint.

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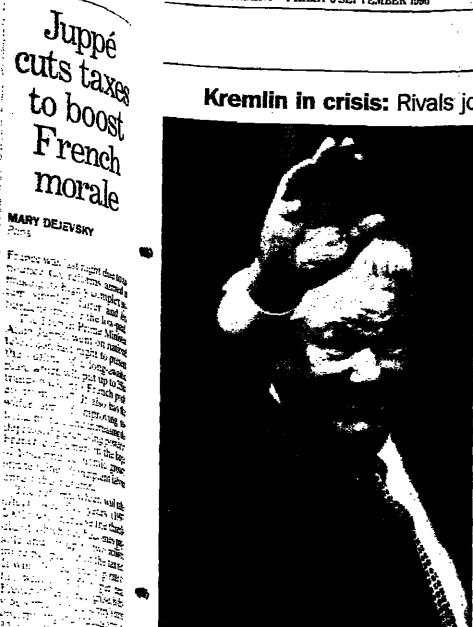
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Staged appearance: Choreographed stunts were laid on for television cameras to show Mr Yeltsin in 'fine fettle'

# Charade over as sick Yeltsin comes clean

Few rumours can have been so persistently published, and so re-peatedly denied. For weeks reports have circulated that Boris Yeltsin is again suffering from heart illness. And for weeks his aides have ducked and dived, saying he was beavering away at his papers and suffering from nothing more sinister than extreme weariness. Every now and then, he was paraded, briefly and woodenly, on television.

Yesterday, the charade was finally called off. Mr Yeltsin's announcement that he needs heart surgery confirmed what the rest of the world has long suspected - that Russia has just re-elected a sick man as its president who is unlikely to be in a position to govern for months to come.

His admission was unprecedented in a country whose previous leaders were generally about as willing to reveal their ailments as they were to discuss their deepest nuclear secrets. "I want to have a society based on truth here," he told a television interviewer. "That means no longer hiding what we used to hide."

lished "something wrong" with his heart; he was given the choice of an operation, or to work "passively". He chose the former, and will be operated on in Moscow at the end of the month. The main surprise was not what he was saying, but that he was at last coming clean. The first sign that he was in trouble came after the first

round of the presidential election in June. For weeks, he had fought a high-octane campaign, racing around the country try-ing to win a second term. His handlers fought hard to

convince Russia that he was in fine fettle despite his record of heart problems and drinking, and his age - 65. Choreo-graphed stunts were laid on for the television cameras; he was shown dancing a country jig, rocking at a pop concert, going down an Arctic coal mine - the picture of vibrant good health.

The strategy worked, even though Mr Yeltsin's health had election's second and final round on 3 July. Five days earlier he suddenly disappeared from view, cancelling final camwhat his aides, ludicrously, claimed was a "sore throat".

overwhelmingly pro-Yeltsin, made little mention of his illness because of the risk it would jeopardise his chances. But when he appeared on television two days before the poll he looked decidedly unwell. On election day, he chose to cast his vote at a country retreat.
In the two-and-a-half months

since his victory, he has been mostly out of view. At his few public appearances - including a drastically shortened 45-second inauguration speech on 9 August
- he has looked stiff and spoken slowly. Report after report was published claiming he was ill (including one saying he was dead). But his aides insisted it was

nothing more than exhaustion. Few believed them, not least because Mr Yeltsin chose to remain secluded in a country hunting lodge while two huge political issues were playing out - Alexander Lebed's peace mission in Chechnya, and the US bombing of Iraq.

Mr Yeltsin's heart problems date back at least six years, but his worst bouts began last summer, towards the end of a fiveyear stint in office which had clearly taken its toll. On 10 July, he was taken to hospital suffering from ischaemia - a re-

heart. He took seven weeks to recover, only to be rushed to hospital again in October. Weeks elapsed before he was back to full strength.

Apart from serving as a re-minder not to believe the Pres-ident's aides, yesterday's announcement raises many questions. What kind of heart operation will he have? And who will run the country in the weeks, or even months, which it will take him to recover? The Russian constitution,

adopted in December 1993, states that if the president is incapacitated his job passes temporarily to the prime minister, carrently Viktor Chermomyrdin. But the evidence of the past few weeks does not bode well. The top men in the Kremlin - Mr Lebed, Mr Chernomyrdin and Anatoly Chubais, Mr Yeltsin's chief of staff - are jostling for power, creating confusion at the heart of the government.

Mr Yeltsin finally gave his

backing to his envoy Alexander Lebed's peace deal in Chechnya, although he opposed the key point of rapid withdrawal of the Russian military. Mr Lebed was in Chechyna yesterday for another round of talks with



Going native: Alexander Lebed in Caucasus garb after concluding the Chechen peace treaty details yesterday

# A nation sighs in relief as Steffi absolved of tax fraud



Steffi Graf and father Peter, who is on trial for fraud

**IMRE KARACS** 

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The pristine heroine whose good reputation has been besmirched by a greedy father did not grace this particular court. Steffi Graf was absent on the opening day of "Germany's most spectacular trial" in Mannheim, and she intends to to the authorities. Mr Graf had stay away till the end.

She has so far escaped blame for the financial transactions that swindled the German tax self to foreign destinations. authorities out of DM19.7m (£8.6m), so the mobs baying for blood outside the courtroom bad to make do with Peter Graf, publicly condemned as a

'Special rate was negotiated with people in high places'

Peter Graf

fraud even before the prosecutor read the opening statement. Mr Graf, erstwhile secondhand car dealer who struck it rich with his talented daughter, makes a convincing scapegoat. A depressive drunk who consumed a bottle of schnapps a day and handfuls of valium, he has willingly accepted the role of national scapegoat in the hope that his beloved daughter can carry on winning grand

"Steffi was not in any way bothered with tax affairs," he told the court, to the relief of the nation. Mr Graf look tanned, relaxed and smiled a great deal as he delivered an

hour-long mea culpa. He is accused of funnelling Steffi's earnings to letter-box companies in the Netherlands and bank accounts in the Dutch Antilles and Liechtenstein in a blatant attempt to evade Ger-

man tax. He has already been convicted by the media, and if he is also found guilty by the court he can look forward to between five and 10 years in jail. for so long, could not be He has already done 13 months greater.

in preventive custody.Sitting beside him on the defendants bench was Joachim Eckardt, the tax expert accused of dreaming

up Graf's dodgy schemes.

Mr Graf claimed he had blindly trusted his advisers, and did not comprehend the nature of his transactions. An unlikely story, according

personally negotiated cash deals with sponsors, delivering some of the sackfuls of money him-Harder to refute is Mr Graf's

assertion that the authorities had been investigating the flight of the tennis millions as early as 1988, and instead of issuing a warning, had deliberately given the defendant more rope to hang himself.

Even more contentious is his assertion that he had negotiated a special tax rate with "people in high places". In 1993 Mr Graf threatened to move Steffi's official place of residence abroad, following the

trail of a galaxy of German stars.
Following negotiations with
the tax authorities of Baden Württemberg, the Grafs' home Land, some sort of an understanding appears to have been reached, the nature of which will be probed in the four months

that the trial is expected to last. Another line of defence is Mr Graf's state of mind during those glory days. Flush with money. Steffi's father took to the low life, hitching up with a prostitute in Spain who falsely accused him of fathering her child ...

The scandal strained relations between father and daughter, which in turn drove Mr Graf to drugs and alcohol. He claims to have been too depressed to pay enough attention to Steffi's

tax affairs. He is now reported to be a cured man - thanks to his time in prison - but his dominance over the life of his daughter has

been ruptured. Steffi now manages her own business affairs, has built a new life around new friends, and is back to her winning ways. The contrast between the fates of father and daughter, intertwined



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## SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Nothing in America pays off like scandal: just ask Dick Morris. Already the fallen ace political consultant of Bill Clinton, who allowed a prostitute to listen in on conversations with the President, has featured on two successive weekly covers of Time magazine – a feat only managed in post-war history by OJ Simpson. Now he has signed a book contract to tell how he masterminded Mr Clinton's return from the political dead (and doubtless how he cavorted with Sherry Rowlands in a Washington

hotel while doing so).

The deal was clinched during a meeting on Wednesday with Harry Evans, publisher of Random House. "Toe Job to No Job," the jibe had run of Morris among his enemies in the White House and beyond. Now he is back in gainful employment. "Dick had been contemplating writing a book for many years," his agent said, "but he never had the time. Now he has." Rupert Commell - Washington

sser Arafat, the Palestinian President, said that his I landmark meeting with the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was positive but that the issue of

Jerusalem would either make or break Middle East peace. The Israeli Foreign Minister, David Levy, who was also in Rome but did not meet Arafat, said the Jewish state would continue the peace process while safeguarding its own security. In his speech at Rome's city hall, Arafat took a firm stand on Jerusalem, saying the issue of its status "could either make the peace process fall or become a symbol of co-existence and harmony between Muslims, Christians and Jews." Reuter - Rome

Pussia's expulsion of a Swedish businessman Parrested for spying has prompted the Prime Minister, Goeran Persson, to call emergency meeting of political leaders. The arrest reportedly also led to the recall of Sweden's espionage chief in Moscow.

The businessman, identified in Swedish news media as 32-year-old Peter Nordstroem, was expelled from Russia shortly after he was caught buying a doll stuffed with film of classified documents on 23 February in St Petersburg.

Malawi's most powerful opposition leader was freed on bail of \$1,300 (£844) after being charged with plotting to kill three cabinet ministers last year, officials said. John Tembo is second only to the country's frail former president Kamuzu Banda in the Malawi Congress Party (MCP). Mr Tembo and his niece, Mr Banda's companion Cecilia Kadzamira, who also faces a charge of plotting the murders, are alleged to have hired four men to carry out the assassinations. Reuter - Blantyre

Madagascar's President announced his resignation after the High Constitutional Court upheld a move by parliament to oust him. President Albert Zafy said he would step down on 10 October. It was not immediately clear what caused the court to support the National Assembly. No date was set for a new presidential election, but it said Prime Minister Norbert Ratsirahonana would serve as chief executive in the interim. AP - Antanarivo

One thousand teachers wore little or nothing as they walked through New Delhi on Teachers' Day to protest that they had not been paid for years. Naked, or in loin cloths, the teachers, all men from India's north-eastern state of Bihar, planned to march to the Indian Parliament and the President's residence but were stopped by police. The missing pay has affected about 200,000 teachers, the group said, and those teachers are forced to tutor to make ends meet. AP - New Delhi

# Ghosts of war haunt the line where a journey may once have been your last



The train to Zimbabwe is helping revive Mozambique's ravaged economy, writes Mary Braid

In the bad old days of the bush war between Mozambique's Frelimo government and the dreaded, South-African backed Renamo guerrillas, the daylong train trip from the port of Beira to Mutare (formerly Umtali), just inside the Zimbabwean border, required the protection of 9,000 Zimbabwean troops.

The foreign force patrolled every mile of the line, routing Renamo saboteurs. Guns clutched ready, its soldiers also rode in the carriages, a reassuring presence for those who still braved the line.

Four years of peace make a

difference. Today, as we pull out Some travel all the way to the from Beira station - an enormous, soulless building left behind by the Portuguese and chug across the endless miles of mangrove, the only would-be terrorists are tiny boys who run from villages of thatched huts to level imaginary machine guns and spears at the

assing tram. With the 16-year civil war over, the track, which was laid a century ago by the British to link land-locked Rhodesia to the sea, is no longer a military target. Once again it carries the hope of prosperity. This time Mozambicans - not their

colonisers – may gain. The Beira Corridor project is almost complete and aims to report and the region. The war left Mozambique bankrupt and wholly dependent on foreign aid, with Beira and its hinterland particularly badly hit. European donors have financed the dredging of the harbour, the overhaul of the dilapidated port and the building of an oil terminal. Beira, with bags of spare capacity, is now struggling to lure trade from Durban and lucrative Zimbabwean freight.

Progress is slow. Passengers are delighted with investment in the line, and travel to and fro inland villages to buy fresh produce which then border to buy cheap Zimbabwean sugar and butter which they sell at a profit at home. Peace means the journey is

taken with a lighter heart. But in the packed, chocolate brown carriages used since the days of the Portuguese, war still haunts the psyche.

The locals gossip about a famous female Renamo guerrilla leader, made immune to bullets by a traditional healer. Before leading her men into battle she would strip naked and

a passenger. But for 20 years he has driven trains from Beira to Zimbabwe. Before it was defended by Zimbabwean troops,

"At night you can still hear people talking and the train

moves," he says. I laugh, con-

vinced he is joking. He shakes his head gravely. "Maria you

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Today Joaquim Lucio, 45, is

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apparently spread her invinci-

That peasants still believe in the power of medicine men is

not surprising. One man whispers that their magic is so potent they can make a women menstruate for a solid 12 months. But the carriage's urban professionals are believers too. A hush falls over the carriage as a teacher, a de-yout Muslim, talks of a terror-

proached land, hurricane force

winds of 75mph or more ex-tended 145 miles from the eye

of the storm. Forecasters pre-

dicted that areas 100 miles in-land could suffer its full impact,

as it continued its north-west-

Shores in Fran's path were all

erly path to the mainland.

ist attack in which carriages were derailed and passengers killed. The carriages, he says, finds its way back to market. still lie by the track.

regime. When Renamo stepped in as chief saboteurs every journey Mr Lucio made might have been his last. At certain points,

he tells fellow passengers, his

hair stood on end and the blood

raced. The medicine man was

about all there was left to turn

to, If Renamo did not get you,

the government surely would. You were scared even to be sick," he says. "If you had to stay off work Frelimo would think you were a Renamo supporter "Then there was always a

kidnap you to stop you operating the trains. That happened to some friends." Five of them

And he remembers the time before the war when the white Rhodesians came down to Beira in their thousands to lie on the beaches, eat the famous prawns and have sex with the prostitutes.

But Mr Lucio never took the Rhodesians to the coast. "Only white Portuguese engine drivers were allowed to work on those trains," he says. "They said that we Mozambicans lacked skills but even the ticket collectors

had to be white." The Portuguese bought the line in 1949 and showered luxuries such as fridges and stoves ran twice the speed they can today, for the track and rolling stock were in good repair. Today carriages are filled to bursting and people spill over into corridors; poor tracks make journeys tortuously slow.

There is much for a train enthusiast like Mr Lucio to miss as Beira struggles to rise from the ashes. But not the arrogance of the British and Portuguese. "When the Portuguese left they said the trains would soon stop running and that we Mozambicans would never manage on and come and take you to jail. our own," he says. "Well they went and we managed and the chance that Renamo would ... trains are still run today."

# of 120mph, is slightly less powerful. But as the storm ap-

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

Hurricane Fran, shaping up to be the most devastating storm to hit the United States' eastem seaboard in four years, last night unleashed its fury against the coast of the Carolinas. US authorities are bracing themselves for a damages bill running into billions of dollars.

The one piece of good news was that the South Carolina city of Charleston, a jewel of the old South battered by hurricane Hugo in September 1989, seemed likely to avoid a direct hit. But although Fran was forecast



Storm force: Hurricane

to come ashore some 100 miles to the north, at the resort of Myrtle Beach, it appears to be scarcely less fearsome.

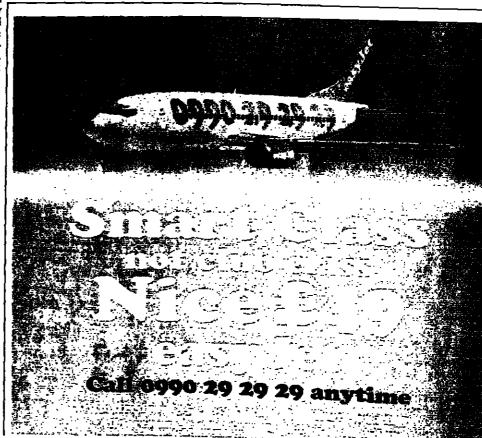
With its 130 mph winds, flooding rains and massive sea surge, Hugo killed 27 people. destroyed 17,000 homes and caused \$8bn of damage - \$2bn in Charleston alone. Of recent hurricanes, only Andrew, which devastated the southern tip of Florida in August 1992 to the tune of \$20bn, was worse. Fran, clocked at a maximum

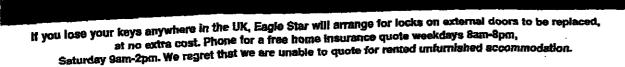
half a million people have been ordered to evacuate by South Carolina's Governor, David Beasley. Those who have chosen to stay have boarded up win-dows and doors, but even that may not be protection against an ocean surge that could send a 12ft wall of water crashing into

coastal buildings.

matologists, that global climate change may be increasing the number and intensity of Atlantic tropical cyclones.

A system qualifies for a name when the winds reach tropical storm strength of 37 mph; when they reach 75mph, it becomes a hurricane. Eleven storms have been forecast between June Fran is but a symptom of a and October this year, eight debut deserted last night. Almost deeper worry among US cliveloping into hurricanes.





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# here a After the bombing, the West's muddle remains logue or aggressive containment – are dangerous and self-defeating. Talk in 1991 of the Gulf war producing a Now less. The cruise raids were necessary but nothing to be proud of. Once the

at Iraq - each worth the annual average income of 400 Iraqis. On the other hand, the more strident and sanctimonious criticisms of President Clinton's decision to send in the Tomahawks that these were purely electoral air raids and therefore immoral - miss the point.

Bombing Iraq may well be an an electoral windfall for Bill Clinton, but the logic of US, and Western, policy would have demanded a response of this kind at any time in the past five years. At least, this time around, Washington - but not the British government - has spared us the moralising and tendentious justification that this is all about helping the Kurds.

Of course it is not. It is about looking after our own vital interests in the region; first and foremost ensuring that access to oil is controlled by regimes which are stable and on our side. More specifically, it is about maintaining (with the vaguely legal backing of various UN resolutions) the heavy chains placed on Saddam Hussein in 1991 after the Gulf war allies balked at the military and political cost of eliminating him.

Within the the limited confines of this policy, once Saddam had sent his tanks into the autonomous Kurdish zone, President Clinton had no choice. alternative? Containing Saddam with-

nothing in the longer term; but it is not a wholly empty statement. Doing nothing would also have been a statement and one which Saddam, on past form, would have read all too eagerly.

Of course, the Clinton administration

might have done more to prevent the disintegration of the Kurds into squabbling factions (although no one has ever succeeded in the past). As revealed by this newspaper today, Washington utterly failed to respond to increasingly plaintive messages from the Kurdsh Democratic Party, asking for help against their Iranian-backed Kurdish fraternal foes, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). The US was understandably reluctant to take sides in internal Kurdish fighting, dismissing them as "small fish". But the conse-quence – the KDP falling into Saddam's clutches – was foreseeable and deeply regrettable. The missile strikes may intimidate Saddam into limiting his military aid to his victims-turned-clients but they have done nothing to alter the new

politics of northern Iraq.

The wider truth is that US, and Western, policy towards Iraq is a half-baked muddle (and lack of attention by the Clinton administration is partly responsible). But can anyone offer a sensible Sending in the cruise missiles was a out removing him leaves him as a per-



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manent, resourceful, vengeful and evil presence. The extension of the No Fly Zone in southern Iraq up to the Baghdad suburbs is an attempt to squeeze and humiliate him further, in the hope that his own brow-beaten military will eventually lose patience with the "Godsupported leader". Don't hold your

But not containing Saddam makes even less sense. The approach suggested by French and Russian attitudes, attempting to, in France's phrase, "reintegrate" Saddam with "the international community" smacks of either appeasement or cant. The "collapse" of

the Gulf war coalition reported this week is old news. France, Russia, Turkey and Syria have been playing footsy with Saddam for quite a while now. France is almost indecently eager to sign new trade deals with Baghdad. This was the approach adopted by the US and British governments in the late 1980s which led directly to the 1991 Gulf war.

Despite this week's first meeting between Mr Arafat and Mr Netanyahu, the Palestinian-Israeli peace process is in a menacing state of abeyance. The divisions between Europe and the US on how to deal with Iran - critical dia-

New Pax Americana in the Middle East, have proved to be an illusion (although the Palestinian-Israeli peace has proceeded much further than many thought possible and is, perhaps, still rescuable). Perhaps most disturbing of all are the

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hostages to fortune represented by our blind support for the autocratic and repressive regimes in the region which happen to be friendly to the West. Some argue that there is no difference, except maybe in degrees of ingenious brutality, between Saddam and other Arab regimes. This is nonsense. Saddam is an expansionist megalomaniac; the Gulf kings, princes and emirs are not. However, if the name of the game is ensuring that stable pro-Western governments remain guardians of the world's biggest and best oil wells, our unconditional support for some of the most anti-democratic regimes in the world may be counter-productive. In the longer run, the biggest threat to Western interests in the region may not be Iran or Iraq but the internal pressure-cookers bubbling away in Saudi Arabia or Bahrain.

Periodic air raids on Iraq, widely portrayed in the region as Americans killing Arabs, or Christians killing Muslims, do not help. On the other

No UN backing

Sir: Both the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, and US government spokespeople have

ustified the American attack on

Council Resolution 688, of 1991.

This resolution "condemns the

repression of Iraqi civilian population

... including most recently in Kurdish-populated areas" and demands that Iraq "immediately end this repression". It goes on to

empower the Secretary General to

"use all the resources at his disposal

ncluding those of the relevant UN

unilateral military action by any UN

Security Council member to enforce

this. President Clinton's decision to

punish Saddam undermines the

authority of the UN, whose own

military establishments are

currently in Iraq.

Dr DAVÍD LO**W**RY

Stoneleigh, Surrey

inspectors uncovering covert Iraqi

Heated argument

Sir: Philip Daubeney (letters, 4

cause of global warming - the

September) failed to spot a major

English language's lack of a single

tea. Generations of children are

new word is to "pow" the kettle.

GREG LEONARD

brought up to "fill" the kettle, and

keep the globe warming. A suggested

Department of Information Science University of Portsmouth

word to express "put only enough water" in the kettle to make a cup of

agencies, to address urgently the critical needs of the refugees and

displaced Iraqi population."

Nowhere does it provide for

Iraq with reference to UN Security

for Clinton

logue or aggressive containment – are dangerous and self-defeating. Talk in 1991 of the Gulf war producing a New World Order through the UN, and a New World Order through the UN, and a but nothing to be proud of. Once the but nothing to be proud of. Once the presidential elections are over, European countries, and the the new US president (or the old one), must start an urgent reappraisal of long-term Western strategy in the Middle East.

## Playing today's political games

The exhumation of an ancient gam-ing board near Colchester invites speculation about Roman gaming rules. Games can reflect the politics and culture of the societies in which they originate. In Japanese Shogi, captured pieces change sides in fine mer-cenary tradition. The Vikings played a game in which a raiding party must escape back to the sea. So what will future archaeologists make of late 20th century European chess? A white king, perhaps the president of the EC. surrounded by 15 member states, eight of whom - the pawns - are in the slow lane to economic union. All are hassled by the black pieces - national opposition parties. Most pieces, they may conclude, probably moved in circles and nobody was ever sure who had won.

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# Stop playing

Sir: Your campaign to highlight the parlous state of our public finances is not. I am afraid, baving much success. In the current climate of pre-election politics, the predictable response has been for will raise [have raised] taxes, I will [have] cut them."

Coyle's article "Labour looks favourite for the fiscal beauty that the need of the hour is "tax, not spend". Indeed, the party that comes to power in 1997 will have to be prepared to raise taxes to meet the Maastricht criteria. whether we are in the single currency or not. Whatever the preelection Budget, the post-election Budget will have to be a tax-raising

The poverty of fiscal debate in the UK has reduced the word "tax" to "basic rate of income tax" and every proposal, no matter how small, is costed in terms of so many pence on the basic rate. Thus, afraid of proposing any positive projects, politicians of both parties are falling back on the rhetoric of "deep" cuts in public spending. This is a delusion, of course. The last time there was a real cut in public spending was in the days of Denis Healey who, in 1976-77, produced the only year-on-year reduction in real public spending. Public finances have come to resemble a game of fantasy football - pluck millions out of the air and put them together as it suits your argument.

An independent central bank is

much mooted. But that is a hangover from days of monetarist dogma, when people blamed money supply growth for all our ills. The Bank of England has hardly done any harm to the economy compared with the roller coaster rides of Lawson, Major, Lamont and Clarke. Perhaps we need an independent fiscal authority which will stop playing fantasy Budgets.
Professor MEGHNAD DESAI The Centre for the Study of Global London WC2

# Political perils of

economic arguments on both sides of the European single currency debate. My concerns are with the

a much larger flow of financial support to the poorer peripheral be able to keep up with the stronger German, Dutch and possibly French economies. That will mean greater contributions to the EU at such a level that the he regarded as a minor financial

ezercise. Whatever the level of funding, the workers in the contributing states will regard it as too much while those in the recipient states will consider it too little. That is the real danger of the single currency: exciting international passions and resentments which endanger the integrity of the European Union. BARRY JONES School of European Studies, Cardiff University

## fiscal fantasy football

each party to say to the other, "You

"Contest" (5 September) show is

# single currency

Sir: As your editorial (4 September) indicates, there are

regions whose economies will not from the wealthier member states Common Agricultural Policy could

political implications. A single currency will necessitate

> nugatory.
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> Private "money purchase" pensions are a lottery. Between 25 per cent and 50 per cent of cash paid in disappears in commission, profits and administration. Falling annuity rates slashed the value of these privatised pensions between 1990 and 1994 by 30 per cent. Serps, the state-run second pension

> > Pensions should be a major election issue. We can easily afford to beef up basic pensions and create real choice with a new, efficient, good-value state second pension scheme. PAUL FLYNN MP (Newport West, Lab) House of Commons, London SWI

What your analysis and Diane

one.

#### Childbirth care on the cheap forgotten lottery

Sir: The future financial outlook Sir: In response to the article in your *Healthy Pregnancy* supplement (3 September) celebrating the for millions is grim. I am sickened by the numbers of ashen-faced constituents who tell me their Department of Health's Changing private pensions pay out only a Childbirth, may I introduce a note fraction of what the salesman of caution?

My experience of giving birth in a central London hospital was as follows: no guarantee of a delivery promised. Why are pensions the forgotten political issue? A huge number of people in their 20s and 30s pay no pension room, no guarantee of a monitor, contributions. To get a decent pension, at least 15 per cent of nor bed, nor bell; pressure to accept a 24-hour discharge, and salary should be paid throughout the full working life. How can that finally, little continuity of care before or after delivery. Thank generation afford 30 per cent goodness, under the payments in their 40s and 50s?
Only 7,000 of the 1,500,000 who circumstances, that some informed paternalist had made the were mis-sold dodgy personal decision that at a very minimum I should be in a consultant-led unit.

pensions have been helped. with access to an anaesthetist. The safety net of the basic state pension has been slashed annually resuscitation unit and operating to a total cost of £1,000 per theatre. By all means, let mothers speak pensioner. Without new action, in up, but perhaps our time would be better spent lobbying for betterthe next century its value will be funded hospital care than

Pensions, the

innocently pandering to what must please any government - the prospect of cheaper care at home or in a midwife-only unit with the appearance of public endorsement Look at psychiatric care in the community, and be warned. DRUSILLA GABBOTT scheme, uses only 2 per cent in charges and is delivering superb PICKTHALL London NI9 value index-linked pay outs.

Sir: I do wish people like Louise Silverton (Letters, 2 September) would stop talking about the dangers" of bottle-feeding. Every woman (pregnant or not)

knows only too well that "breast is best", but please spare a thought for those mothers who are unable to breast-feed their children.

Behind every successful man there's a good woman

through no fault of their own. I felt bad enough not being able to breast-feed my two sons and, together with very supportive district nurses, spent considerable time and energy trying to fulfil my maternal role naturally - all to no

So while we all agree that breast-feeding gives the best possible start in life, please don't make those young mothers who have no choice but to bottle-feed feel even worse than they do already. G BOYLE Felixstowe, Suffolk

Sir: Debbie Musselwhite ("If you are pregnant you're not alone", 3 September) has done pregnant or would-be pregnant readers no favours by her inaccurate statement "there are special antenatal tests such as CVS (chorionic villus sampling) and amniocentesis, which will determine whether or not your baby has any problems."

These tests provide diagnoses of relatively few, mostly rare conditions for women known to be at higher risk for having a baby with a particular abnormality. A normal test result is not a guarantee of normality. Most abnormalities are not diagnosed by these tests and by suggesting they are, she has fuelled the myth that it is possible to "order" a normal baby. Dr PATRICIA BOYD Oxford

#### Misleading exam tables

Sir: On 31 August you carried a report on the league tables of leading independent schools' GCSE results ("Girls leave the boys trailing in GCSEs"). The table had been prepared by the Independent Schools Information

Fifty schools were listed - the top seven claimed 100 per cent A\* to C grades at GCSE, However, this figure is quite misleading.

The league tables for state schools are published by the Department for Education and give the A\* to C grades at GCSE as a percentage of pupils on roll in the previous January (Form 7 census time). Pupils who subsequently drop out of school, or who are not being entered for any GCSE exams, are still included in the total from which the percentage of A\* to C grades is calculated.

Also, significantly, state schools enter pupils for GCSE when they feel a grade can be obtained between A\* and G. Clearly the leading independent schools are prepared to enter pupils for GCSE only when they can confidently predict at least a C grade. This distorts the apparent achievement of these schools.

If Isis is to publish figures which can be used as a comparison with the league tables for state schools, it must calculate them in the same

JOHN BOATER Teddington,

(29 August) lends support to what the historian Oliver Rackham has called "the Enclosure-Act Myth, the notion that the countryside is not merely an artefact, but a very recent one". As he says in the preface to The History of the Countryside, "This notion is quite prevalent even among Ministers of Agriculture, and exerts its defeatist influence against the conservation of the landscape." Certainly the enclosure of open

Sir: Your leading article on hedges

**Hedges older** 

than history

fields and commons resulted in many new hedges being planted, especially between about 1770 and 1830; but hedges, and very old hedges, were a typical feature long parts of the country never subject to the open-field system of farming, but those that were had a significant proportion of old enclosure, as well as hedges around parish boundaries. woods etc. The hedge, as a feature of the British countryside, probably goes back to the prehistoric beginnings of agriculture. SWIERBANK Market Rasen, Lincolnshire

#### Victory for the Eurofighter

Sir. You suggest (Business comment, 3 September) that the Conservatives' decision to purchase 230 Eurofighters is a product of obsolete defence attitudes. On the contrary: it shows a remarkable grasp of the changed threat and new danger to Britain in

the form of New Labour. The engineers and production workers whose jobs will be saved by the purchase, their dependants and the taxpaying public will by their gallant actions in the polling booths be able to safeguard the prosperity and freedom of Britain for continued enjoyment by the Conservatives. Seldom in the history of political conflict will so much have been owed to so many by so few. GRANT LEWISON Richmond, Surrey

#### Waiting for God

Sir. J Richard Pater (Letters, 5 September) likens teaching children the importance of religious belief to the need to look both ways before crossing a road: "if there really is no traffic it makes

no difference ..."
But what really happens is that the believer tends to take the child to a manifestly empty road, with no sign of traffic, and to say: "Look at that enormous lorry, it's heading straight for you, don't pretend that you cannot see it, it's vital to your whole future that you admit to recognising it...
MIKE DOUSE

### Action women

Sir. According to Hugh Peto (Letters, 30 August) social, scientific, and artistic experimentation have always been generated in the male-dominated public sphere". My experience is

quite the reverse. Almost everything in the arts since the late 1980s that has seemed to me to be fresh, adventurous or moving has had a - often the major input from women. And amongst my friends the most adventurous are the women. COLIN BARTLETT Tadworth, Surrey

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# Labour's trade-union time bomb

The big unions that once brought Britain to a halt are lying low. But for how long? By Barry Clement



has been an extraordinary exercise in political discipline. For the past two years or more, trade-union leaders have witnessed with mounting anger the Labour Party change from a democratic socialist organisation to a social democratic one. An "SDP Mark Two".

With little more than a movement panjandrums, all middle-aged hurrumph, the essentially politicians, have union "barons" have allowed Tony Blair to take the party by the scruff of the neck and shake it free of socialism. That would be fine but for the fact that it was the unions, many of which still harbour an unfashionable yearning for socialism, which established the Labour Party in 1906 and continue to be its biggest benefactor. The provenance of the party and the financial link with unions is not something that Blair cares to acknowledge, and it will certainly not be part of the sales

pitch to the electorate. In the words of one senior party is behaving like the proverbial teenager towards his parents: "You can drive me to the disco, pay for my booze, but park round the corner so my mates can't see you.

For the most part, union leaders have acquiesced in this demeaning role. The labour remained uncharacteristically quiet - in public at least. They tion - as he did on Wednesday at a £470-a-ticket London conference. It was meant for senior company directors, but half the delegates were from PR firms.

Despite high-profile dona-tions from elsewhere, union affiliates contend that they contribute around two-thirds of the money that flows into party coffers. And the unions have "delivered" for Blair and his allies. Not only have they kept

figure in the movement, the the money rolling in they have and therefore as major players voted - sometimes against their instinctive judgement - for fundamental changes in policy. They have kept the movement's great unwashed at bay.

Next week at the TUC Congress in Blackpool, union leaders will continue to do the leader's bidding by ameliorating the call for a minimum wage of £4.26 an hour. Blair, who will be dining with the TUC's general council next Wednesday, has have kept their distance as Blair indicated that TUC commithas paraded new Labour as the ment to any figure would be party of business and low taxa- unhelpful. Unions bosses are over their own policies to oblige.

The unions most important "gift" to Blair to date was their help in the abolition last year of Clause IV of the party's constitution, which called for

wholesale nationalisation. The continued acquiescence of unions is all the more remarkable for the fact that Blair does not necessarily regard them as "The Voice of Working People" in policy formation. It was not always thus. Under

the prime ministers Wilson and Callaghan, union leaders were habitués of the corridors of power and all the most senior officials had direct and constant contact with Cabinet ministers. This was the famous (to some people infamous) era of "beer and sandwiches at 10 Downing Street", where the Government struck deals with union leaders. So powerful were the unions

pre-Thatcher that in 1974 Edward Heath, the then Tory ready to do mental cartwheels Prime Minister, called a general election to decide "who rules: government or unions?". The poll, in which he lost, came after a miners' strike that reduced the whole of industry to a three-day week to save power. In 1979 came the socalled Winter of Discontent, during which around a fifth of the working population either

> laid off because of it. How times change. Now, despite the Royal Mail and rail disputes, strikes are at a historic low and in Blair's eyes unions are simply one among many special interest groups. Even three years ago unions would not have tolerated such a role.

took industrial action or were

After 17 years of Tory government, they are prepared to roll on their backs and have their political tummies tickled. The Labour leader simply does not listen to the party's big affiliates unless they are addressing mat-ters of direct union business.

Blair's predecessors would have taken on board the musings of teaching unions on the national curriculum or pupil discipline. Blair will develop his own policies, advised by his own hand-picked experts. deal with it. Also on the shop-

Unions will have an input, but no more than academics and parents' groups - some would say considerably less.

But clearly for the unions the game is still worth the candle. There is an unspoken accord. Crudely put, union leaders have given Blair what he wants - they still command half the votes in policy-making conferences - in exchange for very specific promises. There is a shopping list, and promises from the Labour leadership that purchases will be made.

Top of that list is the repeal of a seemingly innocuous, promise to liberalise the laws

ping list is a pledge to sign up to the Social Chapter of the Maastricht treaty. Finally, the unions will be calling in Labour pledges on minimum wages to be determined by a low pay commission representing both

management and unions. The Labour leadership has sorely tested the self-discipline of unions by progressively watering down its side of the bargain. Considerable swathes of Conservative legislation are to be kept and there is to be no fundamental review of employment law. A long-standing

Union leaders have warned Blair that it may well be a game of two halves and that there could be trouble ahead

rather technical, but critical piece of legislation, passed in 1993. This obliges union members to authorise the deduction of union subscriptions from their wages every three years. It means that unions have to keep "re-recruiting" their six mil-lion members and notifying all was real enough. individuals about any change in fees. It is rather like banks having to keep signing up all their

They believe that repeal is essential for their survival. The second most important item is a concession from Blair on union recognition. Where half or more of employees vote for a union to conduct collective bargaining on their behalf, then employers would be forced to

customers every few years. The

law hits at the unions' lifelines.

on secondary industrial action, for instance, has been dropped from Labour's latest policy documents. Union bosses kept their own counsel on their misgivings about the change, but the fury, especially on the left,

Both the party and the unions kept quiet about the secretive talks during which their unspoken deal was struck.

There is little public contact between Labour and the unions outside the party's national executive committee and at the annual conference. But there are regular meetings between senior union officials and the party leadership in forums which are rarely, if ever, acknowledged. There is the "contact group" where Blair and his the economic atmosphere to

senior representatives of the TUC and and there is the Trade Union Ligison Office, where those unions that are affiliated to the party meet the leadershin. Through these channels,

union bosses have been keeping a fatherly eye on the health of their accord with Blair and airing their disagreements in private. Here also, the Labour leader meets people with whom he has little in common.

Blair regards Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the big white-collar union Uni-Workers' Union as unreliable; and John Edmonds, leader of the GMB, as too clever by half. In these meetings, the union leaders have warned Blair that

it may well be a game of two halves and that there may be trouble ahead. Although Labour has been reassured of union good behaviour ahead of any election, there is a different consideration about life after a Blair victory. Blair has been told by union

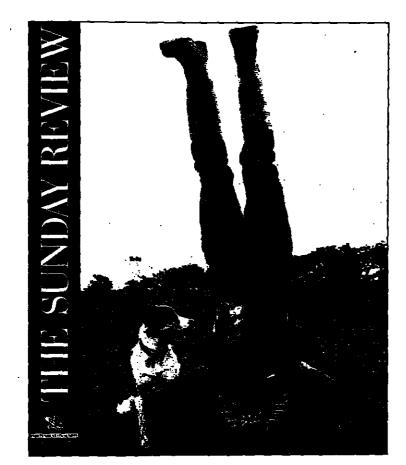
leaders that workers' aspirations under a Labour government might be difficult to con-trol. Union leaders can manipulate their troops to support motions at conferences, but the attitude of the British workforce to their pay and conditions is quite another matter.

While Blair has been keen to keep a lid on expectations in virtually every speech he makes, unions have told him that their members may see things differently. At its most basic, their argument is that if working people vote Labour it will be because they believe a Blair government will change deputy, John Prescott, meet allow a few more pounds to Labour defeat."

trickle into their pockets. Evidence of rising expectations and growing industrial mil-itancy has surfaced at London

Underground, in the rail net-work and the Royal Mail. In the latter dispute, Alan Johnson, joint general secretary of the Communication Workers Union and one of the strongest supporters of Blair in the union movement, has conspicuously failed to keep his troops in order.
Johnson has been decidedly unhappy that his members have chosen the nun-up to the election son, with suspicion; Bill Morris to flex their industrial muscles. of the Transport and General Blair has indicated publicly that the union should ballot its members on the latest Royal Mail peace formula. So far, neither Blair nor Johnson have been successful in persuading postal workers to behave themselves. That could well be a harbinger of things to come.

The biggest battleground will be the public sector, where the Tories have frozen wages for the past three years and where union organisation is at its strongest. If Major holds off the election until next April, the public-sector pay round will in effect be over by the time any winning Labour team walks into Downing Street. Unions could then invoke the introduction of a national minimum wage as a way of keeping industrial peace. The following year, however, might be more problematic. In private meetings, Blair has been warned that the party is pre-siding over a "policy void" on public sector industrial relations. As one prominent union leader put it: "There is a lot of ill feeling, but no one wants to be seen to be opening their mouths and contributing to a



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# A hitch-hiker's ballad of the Fringe



Miles Kington

thought that I would not be referring to the subject of the Edinburgh Festival and Fringe again for another year. I thought I would be again for another year, I thought I would be able to get back to more congenial topics, such as my ever-growing collection of motorway ballads, those modern examples of folk verse which I collect from hitch-hikers and stray encounters at

motorway service areas.

But today I find myself in the happy position of being able to do both, because this week I gave a lift back from Edinburgh to a travelling man who told me a long ballad about a chap who goes to work on the Edinburgh Fringe when he is young and impressionable, and then makes the mistake of going back when he is grown-up. It's sad and touching, I think, but ultimately hopeful. It also has quite an ambitious rhyme scheme for

When I was only 22 I went to the Fringe with a revue From a drama college in Crewe - I'd never been north before. We stayed in a flat where fungi grew And tried to live on tinned Irish stew While the beetles marched past two by two As they came across the floor.

Yes, when I was young and little knew I went to the Fringe in a revue Which went on stage at midnight 02, And we all got late to bed. Our script was good if somewhat blue Our audience was very Jew (Our venue was somewhere near the Zoo) And we all went home in the red.

I was known as the technical crew Which mean that everything nasty to do Was always left to you-know Whether small or large; When amps broke down or fuses blew Or the stage was totally covered in goo Or someone had to unblock the loo I was the bloke in charge.

So, when I was only 22, I slept in a room with a lovely view Of piles of discarded tiramisu From the Italian joint next door. Every time the east wind blew The smell of pizza came right through And this was true of the west wind too: It was very hard to ignore

Yes, when I was only 22 And went to the Fringe in a revue And went to the tringe in a revue
I met my future wife called Sue
In a pile of student bedding.
And I didn't really know what to do
And then she said. I'm pregnant too And the doctor said, I'm afraid it's true So we had an unscheduled wedding.

And now that I'm over 42 We've come back to the Fringe with déjà vu And there's nothing left of the old venue - It's now a snooker hall. And we really don't know what to do For the Fringe is a monster which grew and grew And everywhere you have to queue Even if you're going to the loo.
And tourists throng from Kalamazoo And Venezuela and Peru. It's not the Fringe that once we knew So we finally went to the Tattoo -At least THAT's still quite small!

business community will openly support them. Labour's relationship with business is a bigger problem than its problems over tax. At least tax is a clear-cut issue. Business is about ideas and instincts. Labour - uniquely among parties in developed countries – knows very little about business. Hardly any Labour candidates have a business background. None of the top rank of the shadow cabinet has business experience. It is a gaping hole, and it shows.
It is very hard to think of any suc-

leaders to show that they are not anti-

business, and, save the occasional

maverick bigwig who is prepared to

sign up (and hope for a pecrage for his

courage), hardly anyone of note in the

cessful economy anywhere in the world where business is at loggerheads with government, and a modicum of economic success is utterly essential to Labour if it is to achieve any of its social objectives. If the business community is demoralised, economic cat-astrophe awaits. So it is powerfully in its own self-interest for Labour to build a relationship of trust with business people. But how? By stopping, I suggest, making three mistakes and by exploiting two opportunities.

Mistake one is to assume that by talking to the representatives of businesses you talk to business people. For a start, the Confederation of British Industry does not represent business in the way the Trades Union Congress represents the unions. More impor-tantly, the heads of big businesses are not as a rule particularly involved in British politics. Britain is just one market among many; half the profits of the top 100 companies come from abroad and many of our big manufacturing companies are not British-owned. Labour needs tacit support among ordinary managers and professionals,

not the people who attend seminars. Mistake two is to focus on manu-facturing and on big business. Of course both matter, but neither mat-



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ter nearly as much as when Labour was last in power. Manufacturing is now little larger as a percentage of GDP than financial and business services. As for business size, some research in the Economic Journal coincidentally out this week shows that between 1989 and 1993 small businesses that survived the recession increased their employment by 50 per cent, while large ones cut theirs by 6 per cent. Thus even successful big sinesses are still shedding labour. Small companies are providing the jobs now, and, it seems overwhelmingly likely, the jobs of future.

Mistake three is to assume that the City hates Labour. It is perfectly true that, a generation ago, the financial markets did not go a bundle on Labour policies, and that they were aghast at the Labour Party of the early

1980s. But now that is a memory: the arrangements which limit competition City is so international that economic policies in Britain are assessed in just the same way as policies in France, Germany or Japan. The idea that Labour-leaning industrialists are afraid to disclose their support for fear of antagonising the City is nuts. The main reason investment managers are wary of business people who are overly interested in politics is that they are worried they will spend too much time messing around chasing peerages and not enough running their com-panies. There is, of course, a problem on tax - tax on dividends and tax on personal incomes - but Labour has said there will be no penal taxation and that it will make its tax plans clear before the election.

Labour should stop worrying about the old generation of corporate leaders and focus on the middle-ranking professionals; recognise that the jobs of the future are in services and small business; and learn, if not to love the City, at least to appreciate that financial markets are deeply meritocratic and pretty fair-minded.

That is a start. Now for the positive things Labour can emphasise. One is trust-busting. Big business, for all its

A well tended monopoly - adequate service, fat margins, little upheaval is a fine way to make money. Anything Labour can do to make life uncomfortable for the dominant players will

be welcomed by the rest. Next, Labour should seek to tailor policies for small business. There is no reason why the Blair party should not prove attractive to the growing army of small businesses, including the many self-employed. These are not plutocrats or exploiters of other peo-ple's labour. They will increasingly become the bedrock of the economy But meanwhile they need help, for many feel that over the last few years the Government has been insensitive to their needs. For example, regulations which for large firms are simply an additional cost - they set up a division to handle them - are for small firms a disproportionate burden.

Acting against monopolies and sup-porting tiny businesses ought to be meat and drink for a party which seeks to stand up for the weak against the strong. It may be a giant leap from the state corporatism of the 1970s, but arguably fits in more closely with the party's origins. For Labour, it would be back to basics.

temporary suspension. Most pupils who are excluded never really go back

to school, and black pupils are between

three and six times as likely to be

excluded as their white counterparts.

though there are studies showing that

they tend to misread their body lan-

guage. In this case it is a small matter

of educating the educators, but surely

the real reasons for failure are much

more complex. The lack of extended

families, the demonising of single

mothers, the scarcity of positive male

role models, the reality of unemploy-

ment and poverty, the alienation from

mainstream society, the sheer lack of hope is a combustible mixture.

of young black men is increasingly

The social and economic neutering

Low expectation leads to low selfesteem, or so the theory goes. Some teachers are scared of big black boys,

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

The Scent of Dried Roses Tim Lott Viking, £16

## A lost mother, a lost world

n 1988 Lott's 57-year-old mother, Jean, committed suicide; an act for which no one in the family was remotely prepared. If anyone might have been expected to do so, it would have been Tim himself, who had slowly and painfully emerged from a black hole of depression a year previously. What does the death of a mother do to a family? Lott draws his breath in pain like a modern Hamlet and backtracks through time and space to tell Jean's story, his own, and those of his brothers, uncles, aunts and friends.

The exercise is salutary, by turns moving and amusing. At first Lott finds himself struggling with "a snakepit of narratives that compete, and eclipse each other, then slide mutely back into darkness". Gradually, like the meaningless pieces of a jigsaw turning into picture, he makes a sort of sense of an act that will always feel astonishingly cruel to those you leave behind. But, as Lott knows from his own experience, "anyone who can feel so little for themselves that they want to die is hardly capable of feeling for others. Which, of course, is why life becomes so absolutely without reward."

Lott educates himself in the nature of depression, the chicken or egg debate between sociologists, psychologists and psychoanalysts as to its nature and cause. Freud defined depression as an act of anger. an attempt to destroy something or someone that some moral imperative in your head prevents you from even admitting that you hate. Geneticists point out that a tendency to depression can be traced through particular families. Biochemists identify change in the body chemistry and talk of it as some sort of virus.

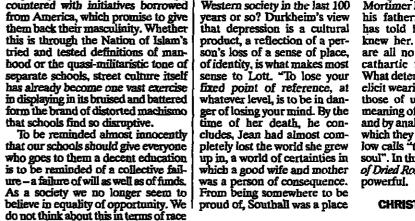
But how do we explain the dramatic rise in suicide rates in Western society in the last 100 rears or so? Durkbeim's view cludes, Jean had almost comwhere, as she wrote in her painfully frank suicide note. she could "only see decay". She killed herself just after her last son, Jimmy, left home for good.

In quarrying his personal family bistory. Lott details social change in the once fashionable west London subtopia of Southall with the accuracy of a pointilliste. The wider value of this intimate, funny, tragic book is this brilliant, quasi-Orwellian analysis of the condition of England during Jean's lifetime. For Jean's tragedy goes beyond the personal. Her death spotlights the 10- or even 20-year vacuum that exists in the lives of so many women and an increasing number of men - in their mid-fifties who, though far too energetic merely to put their feet up, have no status from a paid job,

Her death spotlights a vacuum in the lives of so many women who lack status

whose grandchildren are postponed or remote, and who for one reason or another lack the self-confidence to carve out a new place for themselves in a rapidly changing social world. We all need a satisfying - and quite possibly constantly changing - story to make sense of our lives. Lott quotes Graham Swift's Waterland: "Man is a story-telling animal. He has to go on telling stories, he has to keep making them up. As long as there's a story, it's all right." The compelling force of our need to know where we come from in order to make sense of where we are going is reflected in the fact that Lott is far from being alone in excavating a personal past. John Mortimer has voyaged around his father: Germaine Greet has told how Daddy hardly knew her. Such explorations are all no doubt pleasurably cathartic for their authors. What determines whether they elicit weariness or sympathy in those of us who ponder the meaning of our lives in privacy and by analogy is the degree to which they have what Saul Bellow calls "the signature of the soul". In this respect, The Scent of Dried Roses is breathtakingly

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# The post-racist bubble bursts

We knew it all along. Now even Ofsted admits the link between race and educational achievement



hen you reduce education policy to little more than a prolonged Testing, testing 1,2,3 ..." scenario, you cannot really be surprised if the figures don't add up. While we are apparently to test children just out of napoies in order to monitor them more closely, we have for some time ignored the under-achievement of certain ethnic minorities. Well, officially, anyway. To talk of difference, diversity multi-culturalism, racial harassment is dreadfully PC. This Government has preferred the colour blind approach, otherwise known as the ostrich position, insisting that league tables are perfectly justifiable and that the social background or ethnic origin of a school's pupils are not relevant.

Yet into this post-racist bubble plops a report from Ofsted that says, guess what, ethnic origin is a factor in education achievement. Well you don't say? Here is a case if ever there was one where everyone has known what was going on for some time. All Ofsted is doing is acknowledging it. Black parents know about it. The white middle-class particularly knows about it. They bus their kids across the city to avoid contamination by those of different social or ethnic origin à la Harman or Blair.

The state system, they argued, has failed, and therefore they are entitled to such segregation. Of course it is never described in these terms. It's not about race, it's about wanting the best for their own children, which of course is entirely natural. They are not prejudiced because actually some ethnic minorities really do work jolly hard. hike the Chinese, you know. And I do



We owe all our children the best start in life, says the Government. But do we really believe it?

know and I have had several conversations about this. Perfectly decent folk have warned me that my children would probably end up speaking Urdu and eating curry all day long if I didn't have a sudden arge to start going to church every Sunday to get them into the right C of E school.

Sometimes it seems that the only people who can talk openly about race are racists. It remains the great liberal taboo, but anyone who has been near a school in the past 10 years could not possibly be shocked by this latest Ofsted report. Indeed, nearly all of these recommendations were made more than 10 years ago, in the Swann report of 1985. The fact is that in order to raise standards for pupils coming from eth-

nic minorities, you have to monitor them and then consider the reasons why particular groups are falling behind. Although many of the initiatives outlined in the new report are replicas of the loony lefty policy of bodies like Ilea, our explanations for underachievement have become more sophisticated. Racism was the great catch-all to explain the failure of black pupils. There was a time when racism as seen as the problem of whites, not blacks. All every one had to do was to get in touch with their own inner racism and flagellate themselves for the world to be a better place. Guilt can no more be the basis for educational policy than some twee ebony and ivory approach. Nor can the charge of racism

explain the differences between various ethnic groups, or why it is Afro-Caribbean boys rather than girls that

back is that quaint notion of equality of opportunity. That Ofsted should that these issues can no longer be simhas been near an inner-city school lately ("inner-city" is the current euphemism

are doing so badly.

What has fallen by the wayside - too many Benetton ads have fuddled along with all those kids excluded from our heads - but our gradual acceptance school who never really find their way that there will always be a sector of society who are resolutely underclass, resolutely unlike us, who are amoral promiscuous, criminal, subcultural, has definite racial implications. As the lly publish this report is an indication that even the Government feels Charles Murrays of this world (who ply suspended. They will keep loitering around the school gates. Anyone who insist on seeing a genetic link between race and intelligence) well know. "We owe all our children ... the best possible start in life," said Cheryl Gillan, the education minister. Fine words, but for schools with large numbers of black kids) will know the system is at breakthey will only get it if we believe that ing point. Exclusion no longer means all of them actually deserve it. Do we?

> out the intention of defrauding the people. But students uraged to ignore foundation texts would never have learned that, at least not at the Chicago economics department when Thatcher's intellectual

forebears held sway there. The sociology of intellectual herds applies in the art world too, whence Kulin's popularity even beyond historians of cience. His analysis runs even deeper here, for the ideas that have been sustained by art - especially when it was more central in society and more linked to politics and religion meant that it couldn't be easily changed, for it would undercut those institutions

depending on it.
Yet art, too, was felt at various times to be logically progressive, in, for example, the way foreshortening was considered an obviously improved technique by many Florentine painters, or the self-confidence of modern architects that Jonathan Glancey described. But notions of uni-directional progress aren't as easy to sustain in art as in science. The young Tracey Chapman had only a dozen or so chords at her command, but her concerts were still more popular than those of Pierre Boulez, despite

The issue clearly isn't tech-

ter of being true to events or personalities existing outside of the artist, which is why you can have discussions about the "accuracy" of Shakespeare vs, say, Bellow, in capturing dif-ferent personalities. Or it might be aiming inward to an artist's own emotional or religious state, as in Bach's music, with its quiet assurance that we need not be isolated souls. Often, as with many architectural decisions or Hollywood films, there has been no cen-tral decision, but just an out-put by committee, which we still interpret for its effects or meaning as best we can. Even art that tries to avoid all possible referents and just aims for formal beauty can't escape: the romantic will be sure it's hinting at noumena, while the cynic knows it's just a structure

pathways respond. The linking assumption for both art and science is that they're merely uncovering something that already exists. This is where whatever truths this DIY course has shown might lie. It is the domain where mathematics is discovered, not invented; where a sculptor knows her finished piece is resting inside the marble, eternally waiting, and she merely needs to get the chisel and uncover it, for everyone

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### THE CENTRAL FACTS FROM THE COURSES YOU ALWAYS MEANT TO TAKE, IN 25 LECTURES

ow true is everything you've learned in this course? I don't mean to suggest there's been a plot by the editors to make it all up. In any case, you can verify the facts directly: ballet dancers really do stand in a weird way, and the Independence Day soundtrack does have resonances of Elgar and Bruckner. The question rather is about the fields themselves: how much truth can they convey?

At first it seems obvious. The science items are true, for e really does equal mc2, and brain cells, if you examine them, do leak neuro-transmitters from their tips. It's the art items that are different: emotionally moving perhaps, but simply the products of one person's or one group's made-up views.

There's more to it than that though. Scientists until the late 19th century may have felt they were achieving complete truth, but after relativity and quantum mechanics so comeletely undercut their results, the more modest consensus now is simply that scientific results are just successive approximations to the truth. Recognising that there are neurotransmitters and other chemical floods in the brain is better than the 1920s view that it was all a bunch of telephone-like cabling, but there's no reason to think that view won't be superseded by even

more accurate visions in the future. Thomas Kuhu, and others, have written at length on how scientists largely chug along in groups that share basic assumptions (paradigms)

the famous herds of independent minds. The proviso - and this is

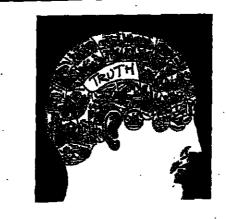
what makes science so power-ful - is that the herd travel is not random, and by objective checks it works, getting to its targets effectively. Evidence that's contrary to herd beliefs has an irritating way of pushing itself up until it's acted upon. There are segments of the DNA strand that control the action of other parts of the strand, and when that was realised you could understand a lot more about the way cancer genes might switch on.

The reason science can selfcorrect is not so much that it carries a magical method, but because it has greedily carved out a domain where repeatable things happen. This is why it can get away with discarding its historical tail. Physicists don't need to read Newton, for all the nutritious bits have already been digested, in the summary equations a bright undergraduate will learn - a trick which the not-quite-sciences, such as economics, dealing with complex, rushing human subjects, would not be wise to copy. Adam Smith wrote that merchants rarely get together with-



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# **Emily Kngwarreye**

Emily Kame Kngwarreye was one of the world's great painters. A tiny Australian aboriginal in her eighties, she carried aboriginal art beyond the limited sphere of ethnographic curiosity into the broad stream of contemporary culture. Her work, instantly recognisable through its glorious sense of rhythm and light, has drawn admiring comparisons with Monet, Matisse and Jackson Pollock.

Emily Kngwarreye (pronounced Ung-wahr-ay) was born in about 1910 at Alhalkere (Soakage Bore) in a desert area - now known as Utopia north-east of Alice Springs. She did not see a white man until she was nine, and then her first sighting was of a policeman on a horse (another unknown phenomenon) leading an aboriginal prisoner in chains; she thought he was a devil-spirit.

With the establishment of cattle stations on much of her traditional tribal land, however, the young Emily got a job as a stockhand. This in itself was exceptional, as most aboriginal women found employment in domestic service, and it shows something of her strength of will and independence of character.

She was educated too in the traditional tribal wisdom of her people, learning the stories and ceremonies that combine creation myths, topographical information, and gastronomic hints. She rose to an important position as a tribal elder and the keeper of several "song-cycles" such as the Emu and Yam

Although aboriginal cere-monial practices have always involved elaborate body-painting and the marking out of sandpictures on the ground, art as we think of it did not touch the aboriginals of the Western Desert until the 1970s. At Utopia it began in 1977 with a batik-making programme.

Jenny Green, who was working at Útopia as a linguist, encouraged the local women's group to transfer some of their traditional body-marking and ceremonial motifs on to silk. Emily, although in her late six-



ties, took to this new activity with dedicated passion.

In the Australian summer of 1988-89 the women's group, under a new art-adviser, Rodney Gooch, experimented with painting in acrylics on canvas. Emily responded enthusiastically to the greater freedom of this new medium. Besides, she claimed to have always dis-liked the fumes of the batik-wax.

From then on, right up to the week of her death, she painted with extraordinary vigout and invention - at Soakage Bore, at the neighbouring cattle-station, Delmore Downs (where she was befriended and supported by Don and Janet Holt) and in Alice Springs. Her subjects are the flora and fauna of her country, their life-cycles and

mythical meanings.
From the start Emily's paintings were distinct and recognisable, marked by a rare feeling for colour and a bold sense of composition. Her painting style, however,

developed and refined itself In her early work she employed linear patterns overlaid but not obscured by careful dotting. During 1990 this underlying tracery began to disappear beneath a profusion of dots. Emily took to doctor-ing her brushes, cutting the bristles short to create a

broader hollowed-out dot. By 1992 her technique was becoming even freer. She applied hold circular dabs of paint, often "double-dipping" the brush into different colours before applying the mark. This allowed her to create a yet more intense sense of the desert's reverberating light and colour. In 1994-95 she shifted her

style again, employing simple black and white stripes and powerful organic traceries,

often on dark grounds. It was an amazing sight to see Emily paint - the energy flowing out of her seemingly frail figure across the canvas. She

worked sitting on the ground, with her canvas held close to her body, while she dabbed on the paint with an economic intensity. She worked from the outside inward, turning the canvas gradually, and changing her brush hand to facilitate the task. Although she spoke no English, her sense of fun, as well

as her unforced dignity, was readily communicated. Her exceptional talent was recognised from the first. Australian public galleries and private collectors from around the world were quick to acquire her works. She had successful solo shows in Sydney, Mel-bourne, Adelaide, Brisbane,

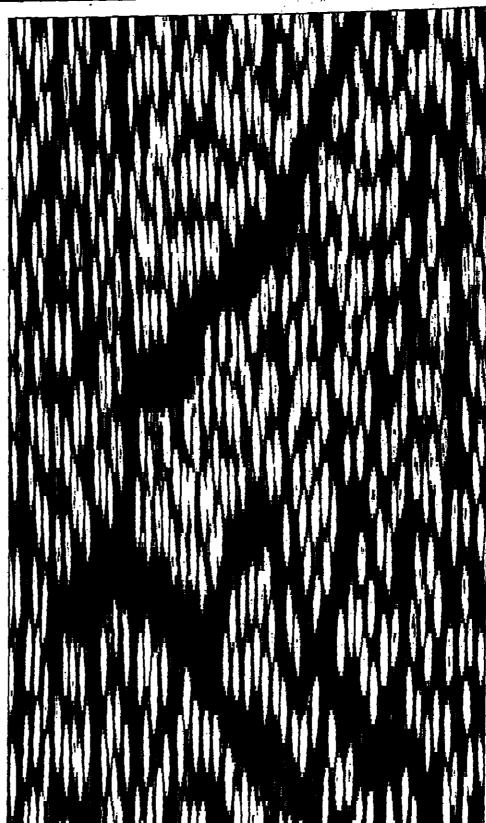
Canberra and London. In 1992 she received an Australian Artist's Creative Fellowship worth A\$110,000 (around £55,000). In 1995 she was accorded the rare accolade of a solo show at Parliament House, Canberra. And earlier this year she was chosen as one of three aboriginal women artists to represent Australia at the 1997 Venice Biennale.

Her great success brought pressures. There was a constant sometimes importunate - demand for more and more work both from art-dealers and from her own extended family. Al-though she had no children of her own she was responsible for as many as 80 kinspeople, amongst whom she happily divided her money according to traditional practice. (It is estimated that she earned as much as A\$500,000 a year from her painting.)
Despite her wealth she con-

tinued to live the traditional aboriginal life, gathering bushtucker, and sleeping under the stars in her bough-shelter at Soakage Bore. She was part of the country she painted.

The only painting by Emily currently on public view in Britain is at Queen's Hall Art Centre, Hexham, until 28

Emily Kame Kngwarreye, artist: born Soakage Bore, Australia c1910; died Alice Springs 2



# **Roy Smith**

Roy Smith was a dynamic, innovative and visionary contributor to the worlds of librarianship and public service - one of the most significant librarians of his day. He had a rare blend of total honesty in arnument and action great courage and a perception combined with political shrewdness that, despite formidable opposition from librarians and politicians, helped his visions take a practical form.

Smith used to say that he looked to street markets and department stores for his inspiration. At the London Borough of Sutton, where he served for 23 years, he designed and built a new, open and welcoming Central Library which was a marketplace of ideas. imagination and stimulation.

His library service incorporated arts "events" (some 300 a year), the highspot of which was the Croydon Air Pageant on the old Croydon Airport (located in Sutton) featuring acrial displays of old Gipsy and Tiger Moths and the simulation of the start of Amy Johnson's flight to Australia. When asked "How does a library get involved in running an airshow?" Smith replied, "Why not?"

Under his leadership the lirary became known and admired not only in Britain, but throughout the world. Sutton was the first port of call for many a foreign visiting librarian, arts officer and politician.

Smith was an "East-Ender", born in Dagenham and evacuated during the Second World War to Oxford. In 1944 after a brief spell as a junior in the Oxford City Council's Treasurer's Department he joined the Navy, where he met his future wife. Joy. In 1948 he went back to Dagenham to begin his library career. The librarian was J.G. O'Leary, a colourful, flamboyant character from whom Smith developed two beliefs to guide him throughout the years. One was that public libraries and the arts were integral and



Smith: 'Why not?

be much more positive in marketing their services to the

widest possible range of users. After spells of service at Holborn and Finsbury libraries Smith became Deputy Borough Librarian and Arts Officer of the newly formed London Borough of Havering. Almost at once the place started to buzz with excitement with a flourishing arts scene and a the other that librarians had to book fund the envy of all.

He came to Sutton in 1968 as generating policy in the coun-Director of Libraries and Arts: try. A mass of publications and later, from 1987, as Direc- emerged produced by his staff tor of Leisure Services, he dis- and himself, aided by exhibitions played the same enthusiasm service to him was a part of the onstrations. There were always though this was a view that brought him into conflict with many library colleagues.

In the wider professional arena Smith was a leading contributor at meetings. With him in attendance no chair had any qualms about a deafening silence at question time. It was a point of honour for his to be the first question or observation. Some of us have the vision of his arrival at the pearly gates and, after an initial briefing from St Peter, that voice booming out 'Smith - Sutton".

He was able more than many of his colleagues to foresee the financial reductions that were in the offing and to this end he developed his marketing what was the largest income-

ranging from bathroom fittings and imagination. The library to wholesale gardening demart shows in evidence.

From all this activity Smith acquired a reputation for being over-concerned with incomegeneration to the detriment of the main core of the service. This was definitely not so - there was no keener advocate of the free, effective, accessible and available public library service. Smith served on the Library

and Information Services Council and on Library Association working parties dealing with the arts and marketing, as well as a brief spell on the Library Association Council. But it is fair to say that the gradual process of committee decision-making was never his strong point or

At professional meetings be philosophy even further with could unintentionally offend with apparent arrogance and

self-opinionation. He was passionately concerned with the way public libraries were going and hated hypocrisy, smallmindedness and the fudging of was the most generous of men and, although denying it, sensitive, caring and most loyal to his staff.

When Smith retired in 1991 he brought the same gusto to a newly acquired allotment, waxing lyrical about his asparagus and onions. He also developed an interest in horse racing, planning to visit every racecourse in Britain. He was able to indulge a lifelong interest in music, from Schubert to Fats Waller, and he and his wife were frequent visitors to the Aldeburgh and Bath festivals.

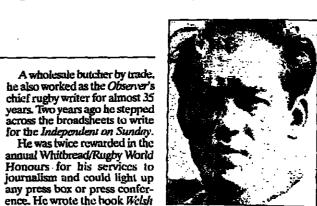
On his retirement, his colleagues in the library and booktrade world received a letter from Roy Smith asking that, in lieu of any farewell gift, they might have in mind to make a

contribution to a fund for the purpose of an annual award. This was to be called "The Public Library Entrepreneur of the Year Award". This, the issues. He had other qualities PLEYA award, now of £1,000 perhaps not so evident to those and sponsored by Geac Comthat did not know him well. He puters and with Library Resources assistance, is presented annually to the individual who has come up with the best entrepreneurial idea and has put it into practice. The PLEYA Award is now firmly established and has both recognised and encouraged innovation in

> Ron Surridge and Tom Featherstone

public library practice.

Roy Peter Smith, librarian; born London 24 February 1928; Director of Libraries and Arts. London Borough of Sutton 1968-88, Director of Leisurc Services 1987-91; OBE 1987; Library Association Robinson Award for Library Innovations 1981; married 1951 Joy Willson (two daughters); died Hope Cove. Devon 23 August 1996.



Thomas: uncompromising Photograph: Hulton Getty

Richard Clement Charles Thomas, rughy player, journalist and businessman: born Cardiff 28 January 1929; married 1954 Ann Barter 1954 (three sons, one daughter), 1980 Joyce Rowley; died Swunsea 5 September 1996.

## Gordon Stein

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Gordon Stein was a leading activist in the English-speaking

He was born in New York into a middle-class Jewish family, and educated as a scientist. He took degrees in Psychology and Zoology, and a doctorate and Zoology, and a doctorate in Physiology, and later too masters degrees in Management and Library Science. He was proud of his academic background, always signing himself and insisting on being addressed as Gordon Stein PhD.

His family were involved with

His family were involved with the Ethical movement, the semi-religious humanist organ-isation which started in 1876, and he became a keen student and supporter of the broader free-thought movement. For many years he worked for technical publishers and reference libraries, but he was eventually able to earn a living in the movement. He was associated with the American Rationalist Association and the editor of its paper, the American Rationalist, for 20 years.

He later helped to found

the best paper in the American free-thought movement, Free Inquiry, and was a senior editor for 15 years. He contributed hundreds of articles and reviews to it and other magazines. He also lectured and debated widely, especially to student audiences. He was a consultant to the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, and also a member of several humanist organisations in Britain.

His main activity, however, was the acquisition and production of books on freethought and the paranormal. He built up an expert knowledge about and an extensive collection of publications in both areas, and became a considerable scholar in a movement which contains many considerable scholars.

His own work began with bibiography, and he compiled annotated guides to the great American free-thinker Robert G. Ingersoll (1969), then (with Marshall G. Brown) Freethought in the United States (1978), Freethought in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth (1981), and finally God: Pro and Con (1990). He went on to anthologies, and compiled An Anthology of Atheism and Ra-tionalism (1980) and A Second Anthology of Atheism and Ra-tionalism (1987), both concen-trating on old British and American texts.

He turned to encyclopedias, and edited The Encyclopedia of Unbelief (1985), The Encyclopaedia of Hoaxes (1993), and The Encyclopedia of the Paranormal (1996), all detailed reference guides to their fields. He also wrote The Sorcerer of Kings (1993) on the case of the psychic Daniel Dunglas Home and the scientist William Crookes.

This impressive programme was marked by formidable ambition, but it was marred by a frequent lack of attention which led to an unfortunate number of errors and omissions as well as other eccentricities and made these remarkable books less valuable than they should have been. In 1993 he became the founding Director of two libraries at the new Center for Inquiry associated with the Council for Democratic and Secular Humanism at Amherst, New York, ending his career by laying the foundation of what is planned to be the largest collection of free-thought and

sceptical literature in the world. Stein was an unusual personality among Americans and humanists, being rather introverted and tacitum, but he was a loyal colleague and a stimulating if abrasive conversationalist. He was a severe critic of work by other people, yet sensitive to criticism by others. He suffered defiantly from cancer for some time, and worked as conscientiously as ever almost to the end. He was remembered at a humanist ceremony at the Center for Inquiry, and will be missed as a key figure in a growing movement.

Nicolas Walter

Gordon Stein, free-thinker: born New York 30 April 1941; married Barbura Laika (one daughter, marriage dissolved). Eve Triffo (marriage dissolved); died Buffalo, New York 27 August 1996.

## **Clem Thomas**

While the rugby world was celcbrating the saving of the Five Nations Championship yesterday, it was also mourning the death of one of its most flamboyant characters. R.C.C. ("Clem") Thomas first took the game by storm as a rampaging back row forward for Swansea, Wales and the Lions before turning into one of its most revered and fair critics.

Born in Cardiff in 1929. Thomas was sent to Blundells School in Tiverton, Devon. He was one of the few schoolboy players good enough to be recognised outside his homeland and picked to represent his country. His debut for Wales came at Cardiff Arms Park in 1946 when the Weish Secondary Schools Under 19 team defeated the English Public Schools side 11-9.

At the time he was described as "a hardworking, fast and intellingent wing-forward". He never lost those qualities in his senior career, yet added a steely, uncompromising edge to

He won three more School-boy caps in 1946 and 1947, never ending on the losing side, before going up to Cambridge. He won a blue in their 1949 defeat by Oxford, yet a year earlier had helped the students rob Cardiff of its 18-month ground record with a magnificent triumph at the Arms Park.

He first played for Wales in the final game of the 1949 Five Nations Championship against France at Stade Colombes, Paris. It proved to be an inauspicious start for the 20-year-old as Wales slumped to their third defeat of

the series and picked up the December 1953. The game Wooden Spoon. He had to wait was locked at 8-8 with five minthree years and 12 games for his next international, which proved a far more agreeable experience. This time Wales ran out as

14-3 victors over Ireland at Lansdowne Road. Thomas scored a try and made another and Wales became winners of the Triple Crown. He quickly developed into a permanent fixture, and captained his country nine times in 1958 and 1959, leading them to five wins.

Arguably his most famous moment came in the 1953 international at the Arms Park against New Zealand. He had been in the Swansea side that had held the All Blacks to a 6-6 draw a week earlier, but played a major role in helping Wales to go one better on 19

utes to play when Thomas, who had earlier done duty as an emergency wing while Gareth Griffiths was having his dislocated shoulder replaced. snatched up the ball on the Ali Blacks' 22 on the south-stand

He looked across the field to the wide open spaces and let fly with the most famous cross-kick in post-war rugby. Ken Jones, Wales' Olympic sprinter on the wing, raced in to gather the bouncing ball, swerved past the New Zealand full-back Ron Jarden and scored at the posts. Wales won the game 13-8 and

Thomas joined the ranks of those Welsh immortals who have played on a winning side against New Zealand - Wales

has not won against them since. For Swansea, he played in the sides that fell to narrow defeats against the 1951 Springboks and 1957 Wallabies, but he led the Welsh team to a 9-3 triumph over Australia in 1958. The determination of the

man was best epitomised by his refusal to return from the British Lions tour of South Africa in 1955 after having his appendix removed. Although he missed the first two tests, he went on to play a vital role in the 3rd and 4th tests, helping the Lions share the series, including the 9-6 win in Pretoria.

His 26th and final cap came ainst France in 1959 - like his début, a defeat in Paris. No sooner had he hung up his boots than he picked up the pen and begun

A larger-than-life character, in the 1970s he twice stood as a Liberal candidate, for the Gower and Carmarthen constituencies and in 1979 as an MEP, for Wales Mid and Robert Cole

Rugby with Geoff Nicholson in

1980 and was in the process of

proof-reading the official history

of the Lions.

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BIRTHS EGGLETON: On 29 August 1996, to Deirdre and Gary, a daughter and first child, Lauren Rose. DEATHS

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CORNELL: On 4 September, Marianae, dearest wife of Brian, beloved mother of Robin, Georgie, Jocelyn, Dominic und Benedica, loving grandmother to Abigail, Polly, Susse, Ella, Edward, Hope, Grace, Harry, Theo, Benjamin, Alex, Cartis, and Ben's baby. "I have lived; nor shall a maligner late take from me what an earlier bour once gave." She is much loved.

WALTER: On Thursday 5 September 1996 at Chilehursi, Stephen John, aged 45 years. Beloved hisband of fo. cldest son of Sugar and September 1997. aged 45 years. Beloved hisband of to-eldest son of Susan and of the late Michael Walter. Requirem Mass at 12 midday on Friday 13 September at 5t Mary's RC Church, Crown Lane, Childeburst, Kent. Donations to South Bromley Hospicecare, Orp-

## Births. Marriages & Deaths

ington Hospital, Orpington, Kent BR6 9JU, or Gate House, 13 White-horse Road, Oxford OX1 4PA.

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Stubblefield, geologist, 95; Miss Jackie Trent, singer and lyricist, 56; Mr Terence Wood, former ambassador

Anniversaries

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Style; 16 September New Style), 1620; the Great Fire of London came to an end, 1666; the first free lending library in Britain opened in Manchester, 1852; the first telephone exchange in Britain opened in Lombard Street, London, 1879; the first cricket test match in England was played at the Oval between England and Australia, 1880; King Carol II of Romania abdicated in tavour of hisson Michael, 1940; the Mania Conson Michael, 1940; the Manila Constat medica: 1996; it mails invaded West Pakistan, 1965; Swaziland became an independent kingdom, 1968; in Turkey, a massive earthquake centred on Lice resulted in nearly 3,000 deaths, 1975; the Soviet ruling council recognised the independence of Lithuania, Larvia and Estonia, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Cagnoald or Chainvaldus, Saints Donatian, Lactus and Others and St Eleutherius of Spoleto.

Dinners

Mr Michael Portillo MP, Secretary of State for Defence, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of Air Staff, were hosts of a dinner held yesterday evening by the Air Force Board at the Officers' Mess. Royal Air Force Bentley Priory.

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 7.21pm.

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Computer crash: Shares in Italian giant suspended as former top executive claims extent of company's losses were disguised

# London funds hit as Olivetti teeters

CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

MICHAEL HARRISON London and ANNE HANLEY

The Italian computer giant Olivetti was teetering on the brink of disaster last night. threatening to leave a group of big London shareholders lacing huge losses, after a former top executive resigned, sensationally accusing the company of dis-guising the extent of its half-year

The extraordinary claim by Renzo Francesconi, who quit as chief operating officer on Wednesday night after just six weeks in the job, forced Italian stock market regulators to suspend Olivetti shares amid chaotic scenes on the Milan bourse.

Shares in the two holding companies of Carlo De Benedetti, Olivetti's biggest shareholder and until Tuesday night its chairman, also went into freefall as fears gripped the market that the Italian entrepreneur's entire business empire was about to crumble.

Olivetti's plight could prove

about 10 big London-based investment managers who emerged collectively as the company's biggest shareholders following a £913m rescue rights issue last December, Between 30 per cent and 40 per cent of Olivetti shares are now estimated to be held in London. ING Barings Asset Management is sitting on a near 6 per cent stake alone, making it Olivetti's biggest shareholder after Mr De Benedetti.

The drama began on Tuesday when Mr De Benedetti resigned after the company announced a 440bn lire loss for the first six months. His replacement is Antonio Tesone. But it escalated in spectacular fashion yesterday when Mr Francesconi quit, alleging that the losses were far worse than stated.

In a letter published in Italian newspapers he said he was resigning because he "did not agree with the presentation of the half-year results approved by the board". He added that the situation is very serious and for Olivetti there is the prospect of a very difficult future".

Mr Francesconi told journalists after he resigned that he



Changing places: (from left) The founder Carlo De Benedetti, Renzo Francesconi, former chief operating officer, and the new chairman Antonio Tesone

couldn't accept the half-yearly figures because "numbers and cash flow are not negotiable". Olivetti's chief executive, Francesco Caio, immediately isinquiry into the claims. sued a statement denouncing Mr Francesconi's claims as "to-

Mr Caio said Francesconi's statement "was clearly the retally unfounded" and warned it sult of stress of the thought of the great task which lies before

stock market watchdog, sus-But Mr Francesconi was in pended Olivetti's shares and hauled in Mr Francesconi and cheerful mood as he left the Rome offices of Consob after a the directors as it launched an 90-minute grilling yesterday afternoon.

"Do I look stressed to you?" he asked waiting journalists, before disappearing into the Rome traffic on his scooter.

teriorating situation since the

A spokesman for ING Barnight that Olivetti's influential ings Asset Management said London-based shareholders were instrumental in Mr De that while it had not expressly asked for Mr De Benedetti's Benedetti's departure. The group held a meeting in Lonresignation, he and Olivetti's don last week, chaired by Nomura Asset Management, at which it discussed Olivetti's de-

other directors were made aware of their unhappiness.
"Our position is fairly clear.

Since the rights issue the company has not been in reasonable

contact with its shareholders." Other fund managers understood to have taken up shares in the offer include PDFM, Mercury Asset Management. Invesco and HSBC Asset Management. The lead manager on the rights issue was US investment bank Lehman Brothers.



# Luxembourg link in Morgan funds fraud

JILL TREANOR Banking Correspondent

Investigators believe that the fraud at the heart of the Morgan Grenfell unit trust scandal centred on a number of front the fund manager suspended on Monday, used to buy up legitimate investments that went

It emerged vesterday that at least four unlisted Scandinavian investments of the funds are not in fact registered in Norway or Sweden, as Morgan had claimed, but instead are believed to be based in Luxembourg.

A search with the Norwegian equivalent of Britain's Companies House showed no record of Horten Technology or Waferprod Holdings. In Sweden Catherineholm Holdings and Celltek Holdings similary produced no records. Investigators believe that Luxembourg, a secret haven for many front companies, was the real base of the

The further evidence of the massive deception behind Morgan Grenfell Asset Management's losses of at least £180m came as Stewart Armer, a second fund manager at Morgan

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Grenfell was suspended for breaching the company's rules on personal trading.

He is believed to be a bit playlarities were uncovered as investigators dug deeper into ment of its funds.

was trading on his account, a formal investigation he needs £180m cash Deutsche has

regulator, is investigating sev-

eral other unit trust companies

for activities allegedly similar

to those that have engulfed

Morgan Grenfell, writes Nic

Among the issues being ex-

amined by Imro are accounting

and record-keeping problems

similar to those which led to a

£115,000 fine against Save &

Prosper, a Fleming subsidiary

Other, potentially more se-

ings in individual unit trusts

estions relate to hold-

only last week.

only if he used internal brokers, which he had not done.

might take legal action.

er in the affair, and the irregu- Fraud Office is believed to be Mr Armer, thought to be in the Morgan case.

his early 30s and an Oxford University graduate, was a bit player in the emerging story of the Before George Staple, the vestors withdrew £112m from the tions arose over a \$70 m private tangled-web of companies. He SFO's head director, will open £1.4bn funds, well short of the placement for oil extranon com-

At the same time the Serious preparing to launch a criminal investigation of the Morgan confirmed that Imro, the fund management regulator, had been passing it information on

which breach the 10 per cent ceiling for unlisted securities,

even where some are said to be

One case under investigation

concerns an income unit trust

whose managers are believed to

have used a quarter of the

fund to purchase shares in one

company's stock just before a dividend was paid. The shares

were sold at a substantial loss

Several of the unit trust com-

panies whose funds are under

investigation are briefing law-

yers to defend them in antici-

after the dividend payout.

about to obtain a listing.

permitted by Morgan Grenfell hard evidence which shows suspiscion of fradulent activitity and is called in if the size of the fraud is greater than £1.0m.

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the investment banking arm of German banking giant Deutsche tion to freeze Mr Young's assets. as evidence of deliberate and wide-spread fraud emerged over the last few days. Yesterday in-

PEPs is one that has been with

us for a while. It appears that

many firms have engaged in this

business without taking care of

their back office arrangements.

I would classify this more as a

technical offence. Fortunately,

comment on specific investiga-

tions taking place at Imro, he said the regulator was looking

While Mr Thorpe could not

it is coming to an end."

pumped in, but financial advisers believe withdrawals could soar as high as 40 per cent today. Many of the activities of Mr Young are interwoven with an Oslo-based broker called Fiba

Nordic Securities, which sold suspended funds. It was probed by the Securities and Futures Authority as long ago as April when questions arose over a \$70 m private

said that in the case of Morgan Grenfell, Imro's "highest pri-

vestors were kept informed and

that they did not lose out from

the fall-out surrounding the

three European fands, in which

"There may have been a de-

trading resumed yesterday.

pany Solv-Ex. The SFA, possi-

Govett, Fiba Nordic's roots lie in a listed company in Norway. However, 90 per cent of its ownership is from its partners in its UK and Swedish offices while its Norwegian and US op-Imro widens net to other unit trust managers erations are wholly onwed by the Norwegian listed company.

The London-based managing director is a newcomer. Stephen Chance, a Briton who joined from an investor relations company, and who failed to return calls yesterday.

bly tipped off by the US Federal

Bureau of Investigation, un-

covered evidence of relevance

to sister regulator Imro, which

in turn alerted Morgan Gren-

Set up in 1994 in London by a

specialists who left well known

firms such as Alfred Berg, En-

skilda, Goldman Sachs and Hoare

fell Asset Management.

"It's been very aggressive and very successful," said one source. It has built itself from nothing to the third largest broker of Scandinavian stocks

Analysts reckoned a trade sale of the Princess and Metro-

pole chains en bloc was unlikely.

They believe the most probable

outcome would see the Princess

chain sold, with Metropole

Renaissance, operator of the

Renaissance, New World and

Ramada International hotels, is

"standing at a very high multi-

ple in the US", said Greg Fee-

hely, leisure analyst at Kleinwort Benson. "That's a

floated as a separate entity.

ficiency in terms of the information sent out to investors but Investigators are trying to this is being remedied." determine whether there was He said Imro would expect collusion between Mr Young and the company to have plans to deal with panic selling by many Fiba Nordic, or if the broker was leading Mr Young into unsual at about 50 matters, "some of the funds' 80,000 investors. investments or vice versa.

# Cash deal may let France into single currency

**Economics Editor** 

The French government will announce a huge transfer of funds to the general public purse from France Télécom in its forthcoming budget in a bid to scrape into the list of countries qualifying for the single European currency from the start.

The state-owned telephone company is to give the government Fr37.5bn (£4.7bn) in the next financial year in return for the transfer of its pension liabilities to the public sector budget before it is privatised.

The planned switch of funds from France Télécom is equivalent to 0.5 per cent of France's GDP and could be enough to make the difference between success and failure in the country's efforts to qualify for the single currency. Next year is the deadline for countries to meet all the requirements set out in the Maastricht Treaty if they want to join at the 1999 start

Although the EU Commission has predicted that France will just hit the 3 per cent of GDP target for its government deficit, most other forecasters think lacklustre economic growth means the shortfall will

be much bigger. been criticised by analysis in the financial markets. Julian Jessop, European economist at investment bank Nikko in London, said: "What they are proposing is against the spirit of the Maas-tricht criteria. It should not be allowed by the European Commission, but it might well be."

The transfer of cash now in return for future pension payments meant the deal was equivthe hotels would have to carry | alent to issuing government

in the deficit at all, he argued. A spokesman for the EU's monetary affairs commissioner.

Frenchman Yves-Thibault de Silguy, said the commission had not yet taken a definitive position on the planned transfer. Officials would make an objective decision on whether the proposal would reduce the French government deficit in a sustainable way, but not before Prime Minister Alain Juppé's government had presented the full details.

The French budget, due on 18 September, is widely expected to trigger another autumn and winter of unrest as the government tries to introduce expenditure cuts that will bring its deficit below the 3 per cent ceiling. But attempts to take liberties with the budget arithmetic are unlikely to go down well in the financial markets.

The news of the French move came as British businessmen issued a plea for the UK government to take a more active part in negotiations on the single currency. A group of leading in-dustrialists warned yesterday that ruling out membership would put Britain at a competitive disadvantage.

The normally Euro-sceptic Institute of Directors agreed. Tim Melville-Ross, director gen-The French proposal has eral, said: "It would be quite wrong to rule out membership

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke fully supported the business plea. "We in Britain, as key players in this big European market in our modern global economy. have got to be there playing a part and discussing it and making sure our patriotic British in-terests are defended," he told

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# Book: Ordered the flotation be put on hold

STOCK MARKETS

## Lonrho hotel float on ice as buyers nibble

over the coming months.

Phillip Thorpe, chairman of Imro, said: "The question of ority" lay in ensuring that in-

PATRICK TOOHER

Lonrho yesterday put the planned £700m flotation of its Metropole and Princess hotel chains on hold after the conglomerate said it had received approaches from "a number of parties" interested in acquiring all or part of the businesses.

The announcement, the day before Lourho was due to publish a prospectus detailing an international share offer, prompted analysts to draw up a list of potential bidders for the

Names in the frame included specialist resort operators in the US such as Renaissance, which

might be interested in the lux-ury Princess hotels, while the UK-based Metropole could attract the likes of casino group Stakis or Bass, operator of the Holiday Inns. Companies that might be interested in acquiring the whole operation include Millennium & Copthorne, whose own portfolio includes hotels in both Britain and the US, as well as the US-based chains Marriott, ITT Sheraton

and Hilton. But Sir Rocco Forte, who has been linked with the luxury Princess hotels in the US, ruled out an approach. "We are not interested in any parts of the Lonrho business,'

spokesman. "We are a small, start-up team based in London with no plans to emigrate to the United States." A Lonrho spokesman de-

clined to identify the bidders but said both British and overseas parties had expressed interest in the hotels, with some looking at the entire group and others interested in parts of it: "The bids were definite enough for Dieter Bock [Lonrho's chief executive] to say we ought to evaluate them before committing to the sale of the entire group by flotation," he said.

A decision on the future of the hotels is expected to be

good time to do a rights issue. Some analysts said a sale of a premium of up to £150m to the estimated £700m market

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INTEREST RATES

# Churchill can insure your car for less

Profits at nearly all large paper com-panies have crumpled this year as cus-tomers destocked in anticipation of lower prices, which duly arrived, shredding margins in the process, invariably the main culprit cited is pulp, the basic raw material for paper-makers, where prices have halved to \$500 a tonne in

just six months. As one the world's biggest net buyers of pulp, such a development ought to have benefited Arjo Wiggins Appleton, but life is never that simple at the troubled Angio-French paper group. When pulp prices are rising - as they did throughout last year - Arjo finds it hard to pass on the higher costs fast enough. When they collapse - as they did in the first half of 1996 -

demand for its products follows. Cob Stenham, Arjo's chairman, describes the last 12 months as the worst since the group floated six years ago. European manufacturing, which takes in carbonless, thermal, coated, fine and speciality papers, lost £6.2m in the first half. But yesterday's 76 per cent setback in group profits, flagged in a string of recent profit warnings, cannot be solely blamed on market conditions.

Arjo is horribly exposed to the mature carbonless paper market, which has been clobbered by the rise of the laser printer and the growth in electronic systems, while thermal fax paper, another leading Arjo grade, is threat-ened by the shift to plain-paper copying. Small wonder that these two activities in Europe, which reported a "substantial" if unquantified loss in the period, are bearing the brunt of a £121m strategic review involving several mill closures and a 7 per cent headcount reduction.

It is too early to tell whether the costcutting, instituted by the previous chief executive Alain Soulas, is too little too late. In the meantime, Arjo can thank its lucky stars that Appleton, its US operation, continues to outperform the rest of the group, even if the halftime profit contribution from North America fell to £39.5 from £61.6m. Arjo's new chief executive, Phillippe Beylier, is keen to integrate Appleton further into the group, a long-overdue move given the increasingly global nature of paper markets.

Arjo has also expanded into less cyclical paper merchanting, but it suffered a big strategic blow last year when it was outbid for coated paper producer SD Warren. Profits of about £130m this year would put the shares, down 5p at 181.5p, yesterday, on a forward p/e ratio of almost 20.

Although Arjo says the extended period of destocking is over and order books are better, it admits the ecoTHE INVESTMENT COLUMN defence side up to 2000. Icing on the cake should be provided by potential tank orders from the Middle and Par

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Arjo Wiggins Appleton: at a glance

nomic outlook, especially in Europe, remains unexciting. The same can be said for the shares, unless the French food group Saint Louis puts its 40 per cent stake into play.

#### Vickers fires on three cylinders

Vickers has found it difficult to fire on all four cylinders at once of late. Just as it sorted out the recession-ravaged Rolls-Royce luxury cars arm, Vickers' medical equipment division ran into the squeeze that has hit health spending on both sides of the Atlantic in the past

Yesterday's half-year figures to June show that the group is still finding it difficult to keep all the plates in the air. Pre-tax profits rose 18 per cent to £31.8m in the period. But that hid a slightly disappointing result from the automotive division, which, encompassing Rolls-Royce and the Cosworth high-performance engine business, still remains overwhelmingly the biggest

Five-year record

Dividends per share (pence) 6.50

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Turnover

part of the group. Vickers' chief exec-utive, Sir Colin Chandler, who is to take on the chairman's role next year, describes 1996 as a year of consolidation and, to be fair, some of the dip in au-tomotive profits from £14.8m to £13.5m should represent an investment for the future. Group capital expenditure is up a chunky 30 per cent and research and development spending ahead by 10 per cent in the first half, with much of it devoted to developing a replacement for the current "bread

and butter" four-door Rolls and Bent-

Sales of these bottom-of-the-range models managed a handy 26 per cent rise in the latest period, but the mar-gin suffered as fewer of the seriously wealthy ordered cars in the £250,000plus bracket. Elsewhere, the picture is brighter. Management changes, new diagnostic products and rationalisation are starting to turn round the medical side, which saw its losses out from £2.2m to £200,000 in the period.

The glitches holding up the £1.5bn British Army order for Challenger 2 tanks also seem well on the way to resolution, providing a solid base for the

Share price

1996

With minimal gearing, Vickers has plenty of firepower to build up its smaller divisions through acquisition. But, assuming profits of around £79m this year, the shares, down 11p at 260.5p, are high enough on a forward multiple of 17.

#### Molins packs a mighty punch

Molins, the cigarette making to packaging machinery group, has been a stering performer over the past few years: profits and share price have more than doubled since 1991. However, the shares have eased since reaching an alltime high of £10.37 in April and a cautious statement with the half-time figures sent them down another 10p to

But the growth story remains intact. Pre-tax profits stormed up another 20 per cent to £13.6m in the six months to June, on a similar rise in sales. In the core tobacco machinery business, profits 27 per cent ahead at £11.6m, owed much to Molins' early move to establish itself in the huge Chinese mar-ket in the 1980s. Its plant in Buckinghamshire has been running flat out to fill orders from the country won last year. Those have dropped back to more normal levels as competitors have caught up with Molins, but order books remain full well into next year.

The other area of caution is in the much smaller corrugated packing ma-chinery operation, which has also been riding on the back of strong demand. Order intake is slowing as this notoriously cyclical industry starts to turn down. Molins is taking action to secure the future of the business by combining its two US factories and expects the £2m cost taken in these figures to be paid back within 12 months.

While the group boasts strong market positions in cigarettes and boxes, its biggest hope for future growth lies in the fledgling packaging machinery division. Profits there cut from £1.8m to £800,000 in the half-year reflected hefty spending on developing new products. The promise of this business is that it can piggyback on the existing manufacturing, sales and marketing in-frastructure for the tobacco machinery operation.

The shares may mark time, but, based on full-year profits of £34m, they

# Granada sells off textile rentals business for £136m

MATHEW HORSMAN

Granada yesterday took to £350m the amount it has raised from disposals since its £3.9bn purchase of Forte earlier this year, announcing the sale of its textile rentals business, Spring Grove, to the Davis Services Group for £136.5m.

Taking together the sale of Forte's White Hart hotels. Granada's bowling centres. Budget Travel in Ireland and a 16 per cent interest in Independent Television News, Granada is about a sixth of the way toward selling off up to £2bn worth of assets, in a bid to reduce the high debt it took on to buy Forte.

Charles Allen, chief execu tive, said the sale was part of "a summer tidying-up exercise," but declined to say what other non-core assets, other than the previously announced motorway and hotels operations, had been put on the block.

It is understood, however that Granada's small theme park holdings, including Camelot, and some nightclubs have also been earmarked for

A significant further step in the sell-off is likely to be taken by December, with the sale of 17 Exclusive Hotels for more than £1bn. Would-be buyers deal rooms at Lazard Brothers to look at the financial information in detail.

Also to be sold, although not until early next year, are the Welcome Break motorway service operations inherited from Forte, under terms reached with the Office of Fair Trading.

The sale is likely to be delayed because Granada is unwilling to pay a portion of the gains on the sale to Whitbread, to which Forte had agreed to sell the chain as part of its scorched-earth defence late

The "lock-out" provision be-tween Forte and Whitbread.



Seller: Charles Alien has raised £350m from disposals

which included a promise to pay

"This is an excellent fit for
out a share of the gains if
our business," a spokesman Welcome Break went to a third said yesterday. party, runs out 31 December. A sale could come earlier, however, if Whitbread agrees to buy have now been invited into the the chain and rip up the lockout agreement.

Spring Grove was acquired just three and a half years ago, as part of Granada's purchase of Sutcliffe Services from P&O. In the year to 30 September 1995 the company had pre-tax profits of £11.6m and net assets of about £53m.

Davis Services, the quoted textile rentals concern, spe-cialises in laundry and linen rentals and was attracted by Spring Grove's greater strengths in workwear rentals. The sale includes Spring Grove's Sunlight Service and HSS Hire Shops, the tool and equipment rentals division.

Davis will pay for the acquisition through a proposed one-for-three rights issue at 215p per stock unit, to raise about £71.5m. By the end of the year, the company expects gearing to settle at about 65 per cent.

The City has approved of Granada's progress so far, although some analysts are beginning to suggest that the television arm could be a candidate for a separate listing in the future.

A Granada insider insisted last night: "It is our intention to continue to manage the assets we have.

"If circumstances change in the future, then of course it would be our fiduciary responsibility to consider the best interests of shareholders."

	Terstover E	Pre-tax £	ers -	Dividend
Ausec (I)	1.32ba (1.13ba)	12.1m (8.1m)	1.6p (0.3p)	1.5p (1.5p)
Arjo Wiggles (I)	1.86bn (1.78bn)	32 3m (125m)	2.2p (11.1p)	2.9p (2.9p)
Catiles (i)	155m (134m)	14.7m (12.6m)	7.2p (6.2p)	2.8p (2.45p)
Coekson (1)	933m (877m)	69.2m (81.2m)	8.7p (8.7p)	3.9p (3.5p)
Fil Group (I)	76.6m (77.4m)	-12.6m (Q.6m)	-83.6p (3p)	rd (-)
Frest Broup (1)	242m (143m)	3.77m (5.62m)	3.50 (50)	3.2p (3.2p)
Hilledown (I)	1.55bm (1.91bm)	43.7m (-68.1m)	4.4p (-12.4p)	2.2p (2.2p)
LAF Group (F)	7.95m (8.72m)	2.2m (3.0m)	1.49p (2.4p)	0.7p (0.5p)
Mollus (I)	147m (123m)	13.6m (11.3m)	29.9p (25.8p)	6.5p (5.9p)
Royal Sun Alliance (I)	- (-)	541m (537m)	20.3p (26.4p)	6.5p (-)
Swallowiteld (I)	18.3m (15.9m)	1.31m (0.94m)	6.4p (4p)	3p (2.7p)
Wellington Hidgs (I)	30.5m (31.0m)	2.9m (2.3m)	8.31p (6.85p)	2.7p (2.4p)
WSP Greep (1)	13.5m (11,7m)	1 02m (0.85m)	2.5p (2.6p)	1.1p (1.1p)

# First-half slide at Royal & Sun

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Royal & Sun Alliance, the newly merged UK composite inin first-half pre-tax profits, but added that it was on target to achieve full integration of the two companies by 1998.

The company said it expected to cut £175m in annual costs by then, which it would achieve by making up to 5,000 staff redundant, mostly in the UK. Royal & Sun said pro forma interim operating profits were

£450m, down from £514m sepits on a £94m rise in world-wide weather losses.

It added that it expected household and motor premiums to stabilise and even rise slightly by the end of this year, bringing to an end almost two years of steady falls in the cost of insurance. However, commercial lines, based on individual pricing, remain a keenly contested area of the market.

pectations. The UK commercial lines account has been much better than I thought."

Roger Taylor, executive deputy chairman at Royal & Sun, said the two companies had made rapid progress in integrating the two groups, creating the UK's biggest insurer with a £5.4bn capitalisation.

Nick Bunker, insurance would result in more widelyarately achieved by both com- analyst at ABN Amro Hoare spread profit sources, with the panies are at the moment depanies at the same time last Govett, said: These figures group less dependent on any year. It blamed the dip in prof- are significantly better than ex- one area of the world or any one product line.

General insurance in the UK will contribute £110m total annual cost savings already announced, with a further £25m coming from the life side. There will obviously be ma-

jor savings on accommodation," Mr Gamble said. "There will be a reduction in market-Richard Gamble, group chief ing costs, while information executive, said the merger technology development will

be a big item, where both comveloping (separate) IT systems." The company has announced that it will close 94 branch of fices with the loss of around 300

jobs. A further 1,000 jobs will go at head offices in Liverpool and Horsham, near London. But Mr Gamble said it was not possible to predict exactly where other job losses would come from, beyond the fact that they would be nationwide. The

total cost of restructuring will

# TV boosts profits

MATHEW HORSMAN

Pace Technology, the fast-grow-ing satellite receiving equipment manufacturer, is one of four or five companies on a shortlist to supply digital television set-top boxes for BSkyB's planned digital satellite service, it emerged yesterday.
The contract would give Pace

an added boost in the digital television market - already responsible for more than half of the company's sales by value. The news emerged as Pace

announced pre-tax profits of £18.2m, up 442 per cent year on year, on the strength of its first foray into the manufacture of set-top boxes for digital

It is supplying big broad-casters in Australia, Italy, the Middle East, South Africa, Thailand, the Netherlands and Indonesia. Sales rose by 96 per cent to £196m, with margins staying relatively steady at just

over 23 per cent.

Barry Rubery, joint chief executive, said the results were in line with expectations, "and reflect the step change in profits following the launch of our digital product last summer. He added that Pace's business

plan did not include any reliance on digital sales in the UK, and that the introduction of BSkyB's digital satellite service from 1997 would be in addition to expected sales from European and Third World markets.

The company is also in late-stage negotiations with several US cable companies about supplying a digital cable set-top bux.
This could be introduced in the
UK if the cable industry elects
to follow BSkyB into the digital market.

Pace is already working on two digital cable field trials in the UK, with two large opera-tors, including Telewest, the market leader.

Mr Rubery said that the company's expansion would be based on finding the right "strategic partners" in different markets, to ensure that Pace incorporated the conditional access technology likely to win consumer favour. A deal with General Instru-

ments, a leading set-top box manufacturer, has been rumoured, although Mr. Rubery declined to comment. A deal with BSkyB would boost Pace's digital roll-out world-wide.

Which is the only airline to offer a



service from **New York** London **Gatwick?** 

# Will it be Bermuda, Barbados, Acapulco? Sorry, the freebie's off

There are long faces around the dealing floors today. Analysts that follow Lonrho are aghast that following the pulled flotation of the Princess Metropole hotel group, a lavish overseas beano for analysis this weekend has also been indefinitely

postponed.

The City scribblers were due to be flown out to a luxury Princess hotel in Phoenix, Arizona, with other Princess hotels in the Caribbean also pencilled in. Analysts were packing the sun-tan oil as they eyed Princess's roster of hotels in Bermuda, Barbados

But for now - no float, no freebie. Instead of frolicking in the sun-kissed surf it looks like the scribblers will have to make do with Match of the Day and a take-away.

It is an open secret that Granada is interested in buy-ing Yorkshire-Tyne Tees. How interesting, then, that Duncan Lewis, Granada Media Group's chief executive, to-gether with the company's chief operating officer, Steve Morrison, and colleagues, should gather in Leeds for a

Strategy session.
Leeds is squarely in the
Yorkshire-Tyne Tees heartland. Strangely, the Granada
team eschewed the local Granada-owned Forte hotel, the Queens, in favour of a rival, Halleys.

rival, Halleys.

According to people close
to Mr Lewis, Halleys was the
only hotel they could find at
short notice within striking
distance of the Manchester
headquarters of Granada. The group was spotted ogling the Yorkshire head

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office whilst driving their Jaguar, no doubt sizing up their prey. What they did not know is

that Halleys is home from home four days a week for Bruce Gyngell, managing di-rector of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, who said he enjoyed rifling through the flip charts in the hotel dustbin that night.

HSBC, headed by Roger "Inflation is Dead" Bootle, and that of James Capel, headed by Keith "Nice" Skeoch, was merged into one According to insiders, the experiment has failed, and the HSBC and Capel teams

are being demerged.

Peter Harrison, chief executive of Molins, is determined his company should be remembered for more than cigarette company should be rememored for more man eigeneue rolling machinery. For those of you new to the story, Mr Harrison is spearheading the introduction of tetrahedral tea bags. Forget round bags, let alone square ones. The future is tetrahedral. Giant models have been exhibited in fields in Cornwall.

Now the real bags are on shop shelves, full of Brooke Bond tea leaves. Mr Morrison is proud that one of the largest consumer is Molins' own head office. So, will this revolutionise the drinking habits of the Great British public? Mr Harrison responds: "What we can say is, we use the tea bags in our office and they do make a good cup of tea. And a lot quicker too."

According to the bank, they were never merged in the first place. How puzzling.

The word amongst economics soothsayers is that the two teams simply couldn't work together. For example, in con-trast to Bootle's oft-trumpeted belief that UK inflation is a thing of the past, Skeoch's team was much more sceptical.

You will be reassured to know that Dr Martin Read, chief executive of computer consultants Logica, and his colleagues are keeping their eyes peeled on Britain's

potato crop. Logica has launched a "spuds in space" project, which will use satellites to monitor UK farmers' production of potatoes for the Potato Marketing Board. The board needs to know that farmers are not fiddling the number of spuds they claim they are growing when it calculates the levies it will charge them.

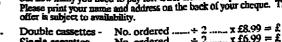
BPB Industries is the British plasterboard maker headed by a Frenchman, Jean-Pierre Cuny, which is expanding its German operations, which are run by a Dane. This week BPB opened the biggest and most modern plasterboard factory in Europe.

The £53m plant outside Berlin ran into technical problems as it was being shown off to journalists. A paper reel supplying plaster-board liner snapped, resulting in 15 minutes of downtime.

These things happen from time to time," an embar-rassed executive of BPB's German subsidiary explained. "It's what gives managers grey hairs."







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The recriminations will be long and bitter. The London sponsors to the rights issue, Lehman Brothers, certainly have

questions to answer'

sionals. Hard on the heels of Morgan Gren-fell's magical mystery tour of the Norwegian fjords comes the astonishing news that Lon-don-based investment funds may hold as much as 40 per cent of Olivetti, the troubled Italian computer giant. Until the auditors pronounce, we won't know quite how bad things are at Carlo de Benedetti's flagship company, but judging by the storm clouds gathering over its Milan headquarters, they could hardly be worse.

Having survived the "tangentopoli" (the Italian bribes-for-contracts scandal) largely untouched, Mr de Benedetti now stands accused of one of the oldest business scams of all - cooking the books. Ten of Olivetti's largest London-based investors, including Barings Asset Management, last week wrote to the company complaining of a lack of information, direction or strategy. The result was Mr de Benedetti's resignation. For a brief moment the shares looked like celebrating but then the chief operating officer quit too, complaining that the £180m halfyear loss was a sham.
At this point the saga took on aspects of

high farce. "The man's mentally unbalanced," claimed other members of Olivetti's board. "Do I look like someone who's suffering from stress?" Renzo Francesconi said after a meeting with regulators yesterday before disappearing on his scooter into

Dropping investment clangers in Eu-trope seems to have become all the rage among supposedly hard-nosed City profes-investment clangers in Eu-trope seems to have become all the rage among supposedly hard-nosed City profes-investment clangers in Eu-trope seems to have become all the rage among supposedly hard-nosed City profes-investment clangers in Eu-markets seem prepared to believe him. There can be no question of another bail-out after the recent \$1bn rights issue - not by investors at any rate. There are still good bits lest in Olivetti, notwithstanding its bombed-out personal computer business, but if things are as bad as Mr Francesconi paints them, shareholders are never going to see this value realised.

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The recriminations will be long and bitter. A rash of litigation seems certain. The London sponsors to the rights issue, Lehman Brothers, certainly have questions to answer. As for Olivetti's hapless London investors, they plainly fall into a quite different catagory from that of Morgan Grenfell's Peter Young. They just made a bad investment. But the lesson is much the same. Investing in poorly regulated overseas markets about which Brits know little and because of low standards of disclosure are able to find out even less is hazardous.

#### Car makers have a solution on their plates

The annual August car sales binge, a phenomenon driven largely by the desire of private motorists to ensure their driveway is the first in the street to boast the new reg-istration letter, has long been a double-edged sword for the motor industry.

the scene for a buoyant market through to Christmas. On the other, manufacturers have the pain and expense of having to build and stock a quarter of their annual production and then shift it in just 31 days.

Italian lesson in the risks of foreign investment

This year the industry has borne the usual pain but the reward has not been forthcoming. Even though August sales were the second-highest on record they did not live up to dealers' expectations, despite massive promotional campaigns. That has provided more than enough ammunition for the industry to bang on the Government's door calling for a change.

The car makers are mainly to blame for their current predicament since it was they who suggested that the year indentifier be changed from January to August after discovering that drivers were not keen on trudging through snow to buy a new motor. Neventheless, the system is clearly a mess. Nobody likes the idea of changing number plates once a year in the middle of summer except the police who find it handy for catching villains. What most people at the scene of a crime remember is not the make of car but its colour and letter prefix.

The problem lies in what to replace it with. The Department of Transport is about to publish a consultative document listing a range of options. The one preferred by the industry is to move to quarterly changes in the letter identifier. The problem with this

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vield as much as £150m.

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will be renamed Pillsbury

Giant.

On the one hand it guarantees bumper | is that the alphabet will be used up four times | almost certainly give it the go-ahead. The sales which, with a following wind, will set | more quickly unless double lettering is | French are consummate Brussels insiders: more quickly unless double lettering is introduced – perhaps one letter at the beginning to denote region and the other at the end to denote year.

That sounds like a recipe for an even bigger mess, serving neither to promote the eachet that comes with owning a new car nor the legitimate interests of the police. They may do a lot of things strangely in Italy but wouldn't it be better to follow the Italian example and attach the number plate, not to the car, but the driver, who then carries

#### Bending the rules of the Maastricht game

Why is something that is perfectly obvi-ous to the French so hard for many of the British to get their minds around?
France is going to have a little difficulty meeting the rules for joining the single currency laid down in the Maastricht Treaty. Its

government deficit is too big. The forthcoming budget will therefore try to rein in spending. But, as a little extra insurance, the French government has arranged for an extra injection of funds.

The terms of the deal with France Télécom almost certainly do not meet the spirit of the Maastricht Treaty. In a company, it would be called creative accounting of the worst sort. But the EU Commission will

Grand Met clears out the pantry

there can be little doubt that they will get the re-interpretation of the Maastricht rules they want. A way will also be found to accomodate Ireland, which looks as if it will miss at least one of the Maastricht criteria. It seems that provided you are committed, the rules don't much matter.

The British, by contrast, see rules as rules, Or at least, politicians and officials seem to. The eminent industrialists who have complained that Euro-scepticism threatens the UK's competitive position have understood that the single currency is still under negotiation. The rules are still fluid for they have not yet properly been set. There is no need to take them or leave them.

The possibility that Target, the payment system for euros, will exclude London banks, illustrates the point. The Bank of England's negotiating position has been weakened by the French and German perception that Britain is not engaged in a serious dialogue about the form monetary union will take. So it will take a form unhelpful to the City.

Unless John Major does the inconceivable and backs his Euro-phile Chancellor, his government will have lost the chance to mould the single currency. After the election it will be too late to give EMU a British as opposed to a Gallie or Germanic shape. If eventually we are forced to join it, as seems all too possible, it will be like the common market - on someone else's terms.

# High-street boom 'not a return to the late 1980s'

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

Spending on the high street last month was the most buoyant since November 1988, at the height of the Lawson boom, according to a survey published

yesterday. The Confederation of British Industry played down the parallels with the late 1980s, saying there was no need for the Chancellor to clamp down by

raising interest rates. Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades

the 1980s boom conditions here at all. Consumers are still being very careful and still shopping around.

Even so, a higher proportion of retailers reported price ris-es than at any time since May 1993, while employment rose at the fastest rate since 1989. Prices were higher across the

Mr Eperon said the price balance remained low by historical standards. "Evidence from retailers suggests that the reported pick-up in selling prices panel, said: "We are not seeing earlier cost increases," he said.

The 53 per cent balance of brokers BZW, said: "We didn't firms reporting a year-on-year increase in sales was significantly higher than in July, although boosted by depressed sales last August. Rétailers expect a fur-

ther advance this month. Volume increases compared with a year earlier were strongest in clothing and footwear and housing-related stores. In furniture and carpets, the balance leapt to 100 per cent, with every respondent to the survey reporting an increase in sales.

Some economists found in these figures a strong echo of the last boom. Robert Barrie, at

director general of the CBL warned the Chancellor against using spending cuts to finance budget tax cuts. "The one thing that isn't so good about the short-term outlook is the state of public fi-

see it coming in the late 1980s.

The fact that most of us are not

forecasting it now does not mean it will not happen again."

He said the survey suggested the labour market would start

to tighten and cost pressures

Interest rates remained

unchanged yesterday after

Wednesday's monthly meeting

between Chancellor Kenneth

Clarke and Eddie George, Gov-

ernor of the Bank of England.

Separately, Adair Turner,

would increase.

nances," he told CBI Scotland's annual dinner in Glasgow. "Public borrowing forecast change in the registration sys-tem would reduce the industry's tax cuts, will still be at the level costs and allow customers where national debt rises as a greater freedom to choose percentage of national income. Borrowing has to be kept on a steady downward path, not allowed to slip and then be cor-

> Separate figures showed a dramatic decline in the number per cent down on July and 29 per cent below the level a year

#### Grand Metropolitan has begun a clear-out of its lesser known European food brands in order to concentrate on market leaders such as Pillsbury, Haagen-Dazs, Old El Paso and Green The company sold its Erasco food business in Germany yesterday to the Campbell Soup company of the US for £140m. It has also hung the "for sale" sign over a raft of under-performing names which include Shippams pastes, Memory Lane cakes, Fleurs de Lys in the UK and Brassard in France and Germany. These businesses are expected to letch an additional £80m-£100m though some analysts say they could

George Bull: Selling off

Pillsbury division. A shake-up

will be relocated from Paris to The move is part of a strategic review of the group's Eu- ey until a couple of years ago opean foods business by Paul and last year recorded operat- label penetration and less pow-

under-performing names

worst performing divisions. The group was losing mon-

GrandMet Foods Europe

Europe from the beginning of October and its headquarters has been long anticipated as it has been among Grand Met's

Walsh, chief executive of the ing profits of just £23m on sales erful retailers."

of £600m. In the six months to March it made profits of £7m on sales of almost £400m. Grand Met, whose chairman is George Bull, said it expected to sell most of the businesses along with the

the time of its full-year results in December. Pearle is forecast to raise around £130m-£140m. Erasco, which is the market leader in canned and ready-made soups in Germany, made operating profits of £14m last year on sales of £150m. The food disposals will require a

goodwill write-off of £220m. Grand Met finance director Gerald Corbett said the businesses were being sold as they were lower-margin businesses that were not market leaders in their sectors. "We decided we should free up resources to focus on our major brands," he

"The European food industry is extremely competitive and not very profitable. By comparison, the US food industry has higher margins, less own-

THE INDEPENDENT

Peter Cook. So next time you're sitting in rush hour traffic, say goodbye to

Mr Corbett said the group had already received several expressions of interest for the food businesses.

The funds raised are likely to be used to pay down Grand Met's £2.9bn debt pile though, it will also be able to concen-Pearle opticians division by trate marketing spending behind its major brands. Mr Corbett ruled out a significant acquisition.

The streamlining of the Grand Met portfolio met with approval in the City. John Spicer of SBC Warburg said: "It is not a big surprise but we are happy that they are doing it. It [the European food business] was really a conglomeration of small, national businesses. They haven't really gone anywhere for the last few years and it would have been difficult for

them to expand." The disposals would leave only Burger King as the one remaining candidate for sale. Though the company insists there are no plans to sell the business, there has been consistent speculation that a spin-

# Call to smooth out car sales

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Motor industry leaders yester- sponded to the disappointing decade.

Mr T day called for urgent changes to enument to change the current the car registration system after registrations system whereby the car registration system after registrations system whereby official figures confirmed that the new year identifier is inthe new August P-prefix on number plates failed to produce the hoped for surge in sales to

half a million. Figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders showed that car sales last month rose by just 2.2 per cent on August 1995 to 479,407, largely due to lower-than-expected interest from private buyers. The figure compared with expectations that the August market would hit between 485,000 and 500,000.

SMMT's chief executive, re- annual sales by the end of the

troduced every summer. The Department of Transport is about to publish a consultative document setting out a range of options. The one favoured by the motor industry is to move to quarterly changes in the prefix to smooth out car sales through the year.

The call was backed by the director general of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, Christopher Macgowan, who forecast that unless the system ween 485,000 and 500,000. was changed August would be Ernie Thompson, the accounting for 30 per cent of

June. This compared with a

£68m loss in the same period

last year, which was caused by

a goodwill write-off of £142m on

the disposal of its stake in

has conducted since January

was not enough to make up for

the loss of the Maple Leaf con-

tribution. The Hobson foods

business, which was acquired for

£121m in January, has yet to

The company ruled out any large acquisitions, saying it

would concentrate on integrating the five businesses acquired since the start of the year.

Chilled foods saw profits fall

after a poor performance in Germany, where profits halved.

The company blamed the weak

German economy and pricing pressure from retailers. The company declined to

comment on whether it might

sell its Fairview house-building

division and its two furniture

businesses in order to concen-

trate on food. Fairview, which

builds starter homes, saw a 12

per cent increase in sales

though profits fell by 10 per cent

due to the higher cost of land.

Hillsdown said it expected a

better performance in the second half.

Commenting on the group outlook for the rest of the year,

Sir John said: "There is still a

long way to go but, subject to

the fourth quarter on which a

make a contribution.

Maple Foods of Canada. Earnings per share fell as the raft of acquisitions Hillsdown

Mr Thompson said that a

they accounted for 57 per cent of sales last month - the same as in August the previous year - the retail market overall grew

Imports took just under 63 per cent of sales compared with 60.6 per cent last year. Ford held onto market leadership with 18.7 per cent.

when to buy.
August is traditionally the month when private buyers come out in force. Although

by less than 1 per cent compared with a 20 per cent rise in July.

rected with a jolt later."

of receiverships and administration orders last month, according to accountancy firm Deloitte & Touche. There were 122 orders during the month, 34 earlier. The biggest drop was in London and the South-east.

# **BSE** scare eats into profits at Hillsdown

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The BSE scare on beef knocked £3m off half-year profits at Hillsdown Holdings, the Ty-phoo tea and Chivers jam food group chaired by former de-fence secretary Sir John Nott. The scare resulted in cancelled orders and stock write-offs of £2m. Other parts of the business, such as meat canning, were also affected.



Greener: Not optimistic

Hillsdown's poultry busi-

New Hillsdown chief executive George Greener, who replaced David Newton in July, said the European beef market remained depressed and he was not optimistic about an im-

about an improvement

nesses, which include Buxted chickens, increased sales but they were insufficient to make up the shortfall.

provement in the medium term great deal depends, we see no He was speaking as Hills-down announced pre-tax profits of £43.7m for the six months to full year."

#### In Brief

 German GDP increased significantly in the second quarter, climbing 1.5 per cent after a 0.5 per cent decline in the first quarter. A big increase of 0.9 per cent in consumer spending and a recovery in construction from its winter slump explained the higher-than-expected growth. However, the picture of steady economic recovery was obscured by a surprise increase in unemployment. There was a pan-German rise of 14,000 in the number without jobs last month, leaving the unemployment rate unchanged at 10.2 per cent.

 Chrysalis, the music and film company, pulled the plug on its film production and distribution arm, citing difficulties in competing against US independents that are now part of giant, multi-national companies. "If I thought it was going to work even in the medium term, I would have stuck with it," Michael Pilsworth, chief executive of Chrysalis Filmed Entertainment, said. He added that the company would keep its 49 per cent stake in Scala Pro-ductions, a leading UK distributor. The closure will have "no financial effect" on the company's current year results, he said.

 Smiths Industries, the last FT-SE 100 company to be audited by a firm outside the accountancy profession's Big Six, plans to transfer the audit from Clark Whitehill to Price Waterhouse. Clark Whitehill, which will jointly audit the 1997 accounts with PW, stressed that it had prepared for the loss of Smiths and other large clients by focusing on smaller businesses.

Cookson, the specialist metals to ceramics group, unveiled a £25m cost-cutting programme as it warned of a mixed outlook for the second half. The group said the streamlining plan would be implemented over the next few months, with the aim of generating a payback within two to three years. Profits were £69.2m in the half year to June, down from £81.2m before, hit by a £16.1m loss on disposals. The interim dividend rises 11 per cent to 3.9p.

• Frost Group, the UK's fourth-biggest forecourt operator, has seen average volumes slump by 40 per cent so far this year as it fights to retain margins in the face of the petrol price war. Pretax profits crashed by a third to £3.8m in the six months to June. The group claimed it would be the only profitable company in the market this year if nothing changed in the second half. The latest price increase appears to be holding, it added. Claremont Garments, the Marks & Spencer clothing suppli-

er, is considering closing its plant in Glasgow, threatening up to 700 jobs. The company said it may switch production to its other plants in north-east England. Claremont is discussing the issue with the GMB union and has agreed to look at other possibilities. Leeds Group's shares crashed 31 per cent to 137.5p after warning that full-year pre-tax profits would be significantly below the £7.5m made in 1995, due to further deterioration in the fashion clothing sector. The problem has been exacerbated by increasing

cheap imports and the depressed retail sector on the Continent.

• Cheltenham & Gloncester, part of Lloyds TSB, has shaved its standard variable mortgage rate from 6.9 to 6.85 per cent with effect from Monday for new borrowers and, probably, next month for existing customers. C&G has also withdrawn its discount mortgages.

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## Speculators bet on Zeneca – come hell or high water FT-SE 100 3887.2+14.5

It is either the ramp of the year It is either the ramp of the year or someone, somewhere has partitional information that privileged information about the Zeneca drugs group.

Not for the first time the

shares zoomed ahead in busy trading. They touched 1,588.5p, a peak, closing at 1,587p, a 43p

The relentless progress – the shares were 1,085p in October – has been spurred by takeover hopes. The story going the rounds yesterday was that an £8bn facility was being prepared in the money markets for either Glaxo Wellcome or Roche, the Swiss group, to put towards a takeover war chest.

At its present market price Zeneca, spun off from Imperial Chemical Industries, is worth around £15bn.

According to market gossip an offer of around 1.800m a share, in line with some estimangers were caught on the hop by Glazo's bid for Wellcome. They are not going to make the same mistake twice; most are prepared to hang on to their Zeneca shares, come hell or high water, just in case that so far elusive offer should

appear. With such a reluctance to sell and market-makers desperately seeking to keep their books square, it does not take much to inject exuberance into the drug group's shares.
It could, however, be sig-

nificant that the shares have been pumped higher since Roche, dripping with cash, produced results and let it be known that it was seeking

Zeneca is the sort of strike it needs to recapture the prime



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of the year

peak, up 9.5p.

Railtrack chugged along

cheerfully reaching a 259.5p

The group's property po-tential is the latest influence to drive the price. The much de-

rided share continues to enjoy

an attractive dividend yield

and there remains a sneaking

suspicion it could enjoy cor-

porate activity.

Eurotunnel, however, was

back in the sidings, off 2.5p to

Director Richard Smernoff

picked up shares which would

Talk of more bullish analysts' comments - Barclays de Zoete Wedd was said to be about to put pen to paper - also helped

Glazo Wellcome, thought to be unlikely to attempt a Zeneca strike, gained 24p to 939p with UBS said to be avid

The two drug groups con-tributed more than six of the 14.5 points the FT-SE 100 index gained to 3,887.2. Retailers were encouraged

by an upbeat Confederation of British Industry survey and superstores overcame some of

BPB, the plasterboard Lourho's decision to look at group, put on 4p to 367p as offers for its hotels chain analysts visited its new Berlin

Lucas Industries, about to enjoy a more powerful index weighting as Lucas Variety, was busily traded; the shares fell 5p to 231p. It is likely to go into Footsie later this mouth.

National Power, as Klein-wort Benson moved to a sell stance, fell 7.5p to 386.5p. The partly-paid, ahead of next week's final instalment, lost 7p to 250p.

Bass fretted about the Carlsberg Tetley takeover and rumours of problems on its betting side. The shares fell 14p to 801p. Allied Domecq continued its progress following its proposed CT sale, gaining 3p

to 471.5p.
Rolls-Royce's Farmborough contracts again powered the

pushed the shares 1p higher to

177p. Granada, enjoying fur-

ther evidence of the demand

for hotels as it seeks to sell

many of its Forte properties,

Melrose Energy, raising cash for its signalled Siberian oil

venture, put on 3p to 53.5p and

Caird, the waste disposal group, responded to a return

to profits with an 87.5p gain to

mation group, added 18p to 328p and BGT managed a 90p

rise to 1,810p following appli-

cations for approval for a blood-clotting factor.

Leeds, a textile group not the

football club, was the day's

worst performer. The shares

crashed 61.5p to 137.5p fol-

MAID, the on-line infor-

rose 8p to 864.5p.

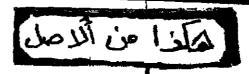
A sudden display of life at Fenchurch, the insurance broker, has awakened takeover hopes. The shares rose 4.5p to 97p, the second day running a share which has been going steadily downhill has attracted buyers. US insurance groups are said to

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be prowling around Fenchurch, which produced disappointing interim profits, ting year's estin be reduced to £6.5m. Last year it achieved £8.4m.

Greenhills, the restaurant group, held at 9.5p. in a reverse takeover it is acquiring Browns Group which has a club in London's Covent Garden and takes in a stretched limousine hire operation. It is also thought to have pub interests. The deal will be funded by shares, probably priced

# lowing a profit warning. Caspian, owners of Leeds Utd, seem to destroy the market at 10p, and two Browns direcshares, up 5p to 235p. British position it enjoyed before its great Swiss rivals, Sandoz and theory that the oil group is preparing to pounce on Tullow Oil, up another 3p to 117.75p. mates of the group's basic Wednesday's unease following tors will take over the runrose 1p to 28p on the club's Aerospace, on Airbus orders. worth, is likely to materialise Tesco's attempt to resurrect a ning of the enlarged group. rose 16p to 1,015.5p. Ciba-Geigy, merged. price cutting battle. The Index allows you to access real-time share prices by phone fro 1080000 BT 710000 BTR 950000 B48sh Gas 610000 Plkington 750000 Bank of Scotland 540000 BAT Inda FT-SE 100 Index hour by hour 14.00 38741 up 14 "I don't have to get dressed to go to my | The color of the TO SEE THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO for 24 hour telephone banking 0800 24 24 24 The right to decline to open a the right to decline to open a



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# Fund shocks add to a seismic shift in financial risks

s investigators search through a maze of detail to find out what happened at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, the shell-shocked investment industry is coming to terms with the impact on its markets.

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Some fund managers were predicting yesterday that sales of all forms of equity and bond investments targeted at the private investor were bound to suffer a serious setback, notwithstanding Deutsche Morgan Grenfell's promise to use its deep pockets to

back its erring subsidiary.

There have been plenty of glib explanations of why investors should shrug the scandal off as an aberration in which the main cufferon is tion, in which the main sufferer is the German bank that owned the

After all, Deutsche has shown that reputation matters and that investors will not be allowed to lose money as a result of malpractice, so the 90,000 affected by Morgan Grenfell's problems have no reason

Every fund manager in Britain is likely to be checking internal control systems this week to make sure nothing similar happens again. The regulatory rules will also be tightened, with much tougher checks on investment in unlisted securities.

The real significance of the Morgan Grenfell case and the Jardine Fleming scandal a mere four days earlier is nevertheless not the short-term damage to the reputations of the fund managers concerned - which is clearly enormous - but the fact that they come during a seismic shift in the investment

A rapidly accelerating trend from



FINANCIAL VIEW PETER RODGERS

group money purchase schemes and personal pensions and taxsheltered long-term savings such as Peps is creating a buge transfer of investment risk from employers to

private investors. Final salary schemes are those where employers promise to pay a pension as a fixed proportion of salary in the last one to three years

If the pension fund cannot afford to keep the promise, the employer must make good the pension, and

Most people will soon be shouldering responsibility for their own financial futures

thus bears the investment risk if a pension fund does not perform

well in the markets. In money purchase schemes, the employer may put money into the pot, but the value of the pension at the end of a working life is entirely dependent on investment perfor-mance. That places the risk of having a poor pension squarely on the private individual, with no back-up guarantee from the company. Per-

sonal pensions carry the same risk. It is true that the equity funds in were not designed to hold pension money, but were for other shorterterm savings, including Peps. However, these are used by many people as an additional form of investment

for retirement. In any case, equity funds of one sort or another are where the vast bulk of defined contribution and personal pension money goes. The purpose may be different but the investment vehicles are indistinguishable. The distinction will become even more blurred as individuals are given increasing freedom to take their own pension invest-

ment decisions. The two scandals should therefore serve as a sharp reminder that we are moving into a different world, where a majority of people will soon be shouldering responsibility for their own long-term financial futures. Virtually no new final salary schemes are being established, and money purchase schemes are growing rapidly.

Here are some estimates of the growth of money purchase pension schemes from Mercury Asset Management, which last year was ranked as the biggest manager of UK pen-sion funds, with £48.7bn, more than twice as much UK pension business as Morgan and Fleming combined.

MAM has no axe to grind, since although it has attracted £1bn of money purchase pension investments in a drive for new business, this is dwarfed by the conventional

final salary schemes that still make up the rest of its UK pension of having to top up a deficient final

MAM estimates that in the UK £500bn pot of pension fund money is now in money purchase schemes, much of it with insurance compa-nies rather than City fund managers.

Since many of these money purchase schemes are new and growing more rapidly than older final salary ones, simple arithmetic takes the proportion to 15 per cent in 2000 and 20 per cent in 2005, even if not a single new money purchase scheme starts.

If new schemes continue to be introduced at current rates, this increases to 20 per cent in 2000 and 30 per cent in 2005. But MAM also makes the more aggressive as-

Within 10 years money purchase could account for 50% of the pension assets pool

sumption that there will be a domino effect as companies begin to offer money purchase schemes to new employees, or in some cases switch

entirely.
Within 10 years money purchase could account for 50 per cent of a pool of pension fund assets that will also have grown considerably from the current £500bn. Indeed, MAM sees signs recently that the domino effect is happening faster than it expected.

The most powerful driving force is simply the attraction for compasalary scheme.

There have also been claims that

as a whole about 10 per cent of the companies are benefiting by reducing their contributions whenever they switch to money purchase schemes, though the most frequently quoted source of this allegation, the actuarial firm Bacon & Woodrow, denies it ever said anything of the sort.

Barclays, Legal & General and Texas Instruments are examples of large companies closing their final salary schemes to new entrants, who are being offered money purchase schemes or group personal pensions. (Morgan Grenfell happens to manage Texas employees' unit-linked investments.)

In another variant, Glazo Wellcome restricts new entrants to a money purchase scheme but allows them the option to switch to final salary scheme at the age of 40.

There are also advantages for employees, though they are not quite so overwhelming. Younger members of traditional final salary schemes subsidise older colleagues and pensioners but are rarely likely to stay long enough to benefit themselves.

Middle-aged staff of a company that switches from final salary to money purchase pensions may lose out badly, so the young might as well avoid final salary schemes in case that happens to them in the

years to come. And in spite of legislation to set minimum transfer standards, those who leave pension schemes before retirement will be heavily penalised if inflation takes off again at any time during their careers.

Money purchase schemes there-

Funds under management (£bn) MAGG 44.1 Schroder 37.0 BZW 17.8 Gartmore Morgan Grenfell **NatWest** 11.6 10.8 Hill Samuel

Top 10 managers of UK pension funds

fore particularly suit the young, regular job-changers, those on shortterm contracts, and those working for weak or small companies where the pension "guarantee" cannot be relied on.

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There is certainly a lot to be said for controlling your own pot of money and taking it with you from job to job - but that takes us back to where we started. There is also an extra risk to shoulder.

The forces at work in the marketplace are far too powerful for the scandals to cause more than a blip in the long-term increase in sales of pensions and other investments. What the revelations

may actually achieve is an acceleration of the concentration of the industry into a few enormous fund management firms. The usual reason cited for this

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Source: FT

consolidation is the way marketing and back office costs are soaring, bringing important economies of

But the speed with which Germany's best-known banking group moved to compensate clients of its UK subsidiary suggests that the real lesson for investors is that the safest place for your money is a firm with very big name behind it. that can afford to pay whatever it costs to protect its reputation.

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# League legend finally finds himself appreciated



One constant factor links Wigan in the Premiership final at Old Trafford on Sunday with the other 37 major finals they have contested since their re-awakening in 1984. Shaun Edwards is that thread of continuity - but it is a thread that came close to being severed

There have been threats, recriminations and rumours in the past, but this time it seemed just possible that Edwards might leave. In the end, it was an affection he has not always been able to count upon from Wigan's supporters that kept him on

with St Helens and for another two seasons thereafter.

There may have been certain people at the club who wouldn't have minded if I had left," he said. "It was the support from the Wigan people that kept me here. I'm not ashamed to say that I was touched by it. I won't be macho and try to deny that it was touching, because I haven't known that happen to many players."

It has taken him 14 seasons of demonstrating his value to the club to receive as his due the sort of fierce devotion that

Shaun Edwards and Wigan are united against St Helens. Dave Hadfield reports

used to be accorded to Andy Gregory, his former half-back partner who wanted to prise him

away to Salford. It has taken Wigan supporters an unconscionably long time to fully appreciate Edwards' importance, but the message has sunk in at last.

"I was being stopped in the street by people who might not even go to the matches now, saying that they didn't want me to go. It meant a lot to me."

His differences resolved, Edwards can now concentrate on yet another landmark in his

While others who have shared previous successes have gone elsewhere, talking of new challenges, his career is an endless series of variations on the same challenge - that of keeping Wigan ahead of the field.

And yet this Sunday is subtly different. St Helens have won the Challenge Cup and the

precisely nothing and, if that is still the case at 8.30 on Sunday evening, the season, says Edwards unequivocally, will go down as a disaster.

We will have nothing and Saints will have the treble," he broods. "You couldn't have billed it better."

The rise of Saints relative to Wigan has not been a surprise to Edwards, who has, after all, been complaining his own club "They have been equally

was losing too many star players for the last couple of years.

inaugural Super League title talented for some time now," he this season: Wigan have won says of Sunday's opponents. says of Sunday's opponents.
"But you could say they maybe didn't have the mettle. You can't say that about them now, after the number of times they have come back in matches. I also think they are very well

> It is in coaching, in the long-term, that Edwards' ambitions now lie. He admits to a bankering to coach Wigan, "but I would like to be the Great Britain

coached."

"It will be when I look coach. That is my real ambition." it is one that may hang in abeyance for some years while Edwards, 30 next month, adds

the final chapters to his playing

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Apart from a niggling knee that will go under the knife in two weeks' time, he feels as fit and eager on the eve of his 38th final as he did before his first. at full-back against Widnes at Wembley in 1984.

He will also know when it is time to bring one of the greatest rugby league playing careers to a halt, without anyone needing to drop a hint.

around the league and see three or four players who are better than me in my position."

A dream

start for

**Broadhurst** 

Paul Broadhurst shot a sevenunder-par 64 to take a one-shot lead in the first round of the European Masters at Crans-Sur-Sierre in the Swiss Alps yes-

terday, and said it had been

Zealand guy, came up to me in the players' lounge this morn-

ing and said: Broady, I dreamed

about you last night and you shot

a 64 or 65'," a puzzled Broad-hurst said. "Why Campbell

should dream about me, I have

no idea. We are not particular

mates, but he was spot on. I

think I'll ask him if he has any

more dreams, but if I've shot a

Broadburst, who has been

changing his swing this season

under the tuition of Colin

Montgomerie's coach, Bill Fer-

guson, had eight birdies and

only one bogey in a round which kept him ahead of five

challengers – Montgomerie,

Sam Torrance, Lee Westwood,

Malcolm Mackenzie and Ar-

Broadhurst might have had

an even better round had the

greens not cut up a little in the

afternoon when he was in full

swing. "The greens did get a bit

spiky, but that's normal later in

the day and I'm not going to

criticise them after being

Broadhurst had told a jour-

nalist at Collingtree last week

that he would not even park his

car on the greens there because

they were so bad, and he was

Of his nearest challengers

Montgomerie is hoping to col-

Tour official, but no fine.

warned last week," he said.

gentina's Eduardo Romero.

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74, I don't want to know."

"Michael Campbell, the New

foretold in a dream.

# **Derbyshire** charge held up by Lee

Cricket

**DEREK HODGSON** reports from Taunton Derbyshire 524 & 221-2 Somerset 464

Shane Lee's sparkling 110 broke Derbyshire's grip and left the contenders thinking today more of three points for a draw than the 16 wanted from a victory. Dean Jones' declaration will need to be shrewdly timed.

Lee is not new to stuffing Pommie ambitions. In July, at Scarborough, his 134 against the then leaders, Yorkshire, so rattled the Tykes that they plunged to three successive defeats. Yesterday's innings was not quite in that class but it might have removed Derbyshire from their place as favourites.

It was a day of surprises, starting with the pitch which, defying all predictions of increasing lift and turn, rolled out flatter than on the two previous days. Hardly a ball did more than the expected all day.

Somerset still needed another 136, with four wickets gone, to avoid a follow-on but true to character treated the occasion not so much as a crisis but a rollicking adventure. Richard Harden and Jeremy nightwatchman contributing 25

ceding 34 in six overs.

had Batty caught at third man - and should have had Harden, when 26, also caught there - a departure that brought in Lee who immediately lifted the contest to a higher level. He has a hawk's eye for the slightest error in length and line and among his initial scoring strokes was a dis-dainful flick off his eyebrows that sent Malcolm over the on-side

By his 50, off 76 balls, he had also driven or cut six boundaries and it was clear that Derbyshire were a bowler short. Dominic Cork limping with a hamstring that was "not serious" according to the dressing room. He still managed an adroit piece of fielding to run out Harden.

Dean Jones turned to spin at both ends - when did this last happen with Derbyshire? - with Kim Barnett adding leg-breaks to Glen Roberts' left-arm slow but by then Lee was in full flight. He was ninth out, caught on the third man boundary, his 110 coming off 138 balls, his fourth century of the summer, his aggregate topping 1,700. He gave one chance, off Malcolm, when

When Derbyshire batted again their buge lead had been whittled down to 60. Barnett, now revelling without responsibility, stormed away again and Batty added 37 in 17 overs, the although he lost partners at 17 and 79 he had his captain's sup-In contrast with Lee's, it was Andrew Harris was again measured and predictable, con-Derbyshire's best; he eventually sumate work from the old pro.

Leicestershire's lead with an

admirable innings of 53. Notting-

hamshire reached 65 when

Archer played back and all round a ball from Phil Simmons

which kept low and bowled him.

further alarms. Then, at 98,

Paul Johnson played forward to

Adrian Pierson and was caught

off bat and pad. Bowling from

the pavilion end, Pierson flighted

the ball and found some turn.

He struck again 10 runs later when the left-handed Mathew

Downan stretched forward and

gave an easy catch to slip. Two runs later, Robinson's

determined knock ended when

he did not pick up a full toss

from Millns and ducked only to

Kevin Evans was the sixth

man out when he hooked at

Millns and Darren Maddy held

a good catch running away from

the wicket at square leg. Wayne

Moon soon became another

bat-pad casualty and Richard

Bates was Ibw on the back foot to Simmons before Tolley and

Mark Bowen made sure there

would be a fourth day.

be bottom before wicket.

Tea came and went without

Two-stepped: Surrey's Adam Hollicake is caught two runs short of his century at The Oval yesterday, trapped ibw by Jeremy Snape Photograph: Peter Jay

# Hollioake's paddle ends steaming run

DAVID LLEWELLYN

reports from The Oval Surrey 395 & 298-9: Northants 235 & 173-6

It is impossible to keep a good man down or, in the case of Surrey yesterday, good men down. Adam Hollioake, standing in as captain because Alec Stewart They both played some good strokes, particularly against Gorwas in hospital to be with his wife, Lynn, who was expecting don Parsons, who earlier had their second child, missed making a bit of history by two runs. been largely responsible for

MICHAEL AUSTIN

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Extras (83, 92) - 5 Total (for 6, 61 overs) - 281 Febr 1.32, 2-65, 3-108, 4-148, 5-171, 6-242 To bate D A Cooker, S I Waster, G T Total

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MIDDLESEX - Second Innings 231 (K.R. Brown 83, M. W. Gattingt 50: M. Wadurson 4-10-1).

reports from Edgbaston

Essex 238 and 450-6 dec;

Warwickshire 253 and 65-3

Graham Gooch strode further

down the hall of fame as Essex

imposed themselves on a be-

Then Chris Lewis conceded

whipped out three Northamptonshire batsmen to leave Surrey on top and challenging for the title.

Hollioake had been Northamptonshire's chief tormentor first time around with a hundred. That he went so close to becoming only the third Surrey player to achieve the feat twice in a season (the first time was against Somerset in the opening match of the championship) is because he put the game be-

Warwickshire, challenged to

make 436 for victory, lost three

wickets in a six-ball spell in pur-

suit of a total probably beyond

their reach after Gooch had

scored his 127th first-class hun-

dred. He moved ahead of WG

Grace's total to become ninth

on the all-time list. This was his

not pay off. He missed the ball, it did not

miss the pads, off-spinner Jeremy Snape shricked for the legbefore decision and the umpire Jack Bond awarded the bowler the verdict. It is only a matter of time before Hollioake enters the Surrey pantheon alongside Tom Hayward (1906) and Jack Hobbs (1925) for the achievement of a hundreds in each innings of a match twice in a summer. After all, he was only fore himself. His attempted 25 vesterday.

Essex in control as Gooch overtakes WG Grace

beneficiary, also rejoiced with his

first century of the summer,

though he inadvertently con-

inbuted to Gooch's dismissal. He

straight-drove Dougie Brown,

who deflected the ball into the

non-striker's stumps to run out

Gooch. The former England

captain said he could not recall

being dismissed in such a way.

means for him to retrace his

steps, such was his command. Still, he was dropped three times - at 22, 38 and 118 - by

Worcestershire v Sussex

It seemed the only likely

saw them struggle more this time around, albeit without Stewart. Curtly Ambrose made inroads into the Surrey middle order as they attempted to build on a first innings lead of 160. Ambrose improved on his first innings performance of only one wicket with 4 for 55

from 25 overs. But as the early evening shadows lengthened so did the faces of the Northamptonshire batsmen as Lewis revved up and began to motor. In the space of

Prichard, the captain and Dominic Ostler, twice, and Tim declaration deprived Irani of

Gooch batted for almost four

and a half hours, faced 234 balls,

and hit 18 fours and two sixes.

entertaining himself and the

crowd to an occasional reverse

sweep. This was his first hundred at the ground for 19 years.

with his previous Championship

return against Warwickshire

Prichard's hundred was from 199 balls, with 10 fours and a six.

being 596 runs in 21 innings.

Romie Irani made a half-century

from 61 balls. Only the inevitable

Munton.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

just two runs in a devastating paddle to get to the declaration. His was the major contribu- 10 balls he had shattered any tion to the Surrey imines, which illusions Northamptonshire given a quiet warning from a might have harboured of reach-

ing the victory target of 459. David Sales fell Ibw looking to work a ball to leg; Kevin Curlect the £127,950 first prize to ran just could not get his bat out return to the top of the Order of the way of a shorter one that of Merit, and Torrance is also reared up and he touched bekeen because he is 66th in the money list and needs to be in the hind to Graham Kersey, and Mai Loye was yorked. Tony Penberthy's edge to Mark Butcher off Martin Bicknell half a dozen overs before the close left Surrey poised to pick up maximum points and maintain the pres-

hundred, though Prichard erred

Ashley Giles, the slow left-

arm, battled away before the

opener Nick Knight struck

several blows for freedom from

the Essex constraint, Andy

Moles was caught at short leg.

and two balls later Wasim Khan,

the first innings century-maker,

was leg before. Peter Such

promptly exploited Knight of-fering no stroke in his first

over, and Warwickshire's worst

Bowling: Caddick 12-0-61-1; Kert 8-1-42-1; Botty 20-3-67-0; Lee 4-1-20-0; Trescothick 6-0-22-0; Bowlet 1-0-4-0. Umpires: P Wiley and A Clarkson.

fears had been realised.

Warwickshire v Essex

sure on their rivals.

on the side of caution.

first 50 to make the Volvo Masters at Valderrama next month. Montgomerie, in second place, is £68,000 behind Ian Woosnam in the money list, and needs to finish first or second this week to go back to No 1, a position he has held for the past three years in Europe.

He was delighted with his 65. saying: "My big target at the start of the year was to win a major. I didn't do that, so the big goal now is to be European No I for the fourth successive year."

Torrance was just as pleased with his round, as he has been playing badly since finishing second in Europe last year.

However, the five British players on the leaderboard will have to watch out for Romero. The Argentinian was 22 under par when he won this tournament in 1994 and said: "I feel I'm playing well enough to win here again.

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## Millns encounters scant resistance

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Trent Bridge Nottinghamshire 324 and 189-8 Leicestershire 439

Nottinghamshire will have been pleased to have restricted Leicestershire's first-innings lead to 115, but then they let themselves down badly with some inept batting.
Only Tim Robinson, whose

50 occupied 42 overs, Graeme Archer and Chris Tolley had a mind to make a fight of it on a pitch with a lowish bounce but nothing worse. Leicestershire carried on

until shortly after bunch and their bowlers knew they had plenty to do with less than five sessions left if Leicestershire were going to win the match. The situation seemed to light a fuse in David Milins.

He began Nottinghamshire's downfall when, in his second over, Paul Pollard drove at a wide half volley and dragged the ball on to his stumps. Robinson and Archer took root and while they were together there was nothing to suggest the game was destined for anything other

## **Warning for Lancashire**

Lancashire managed to escape. temporarily, a penalty from a Test and County Cricket Board panel yesterday but capitulated to Phil Turnell in their pursuit of 130 for victory at Old Trafford. After 17 wickets fell on Tuesday's first day, the panel was summoned by the umpires

After Tufnell added 7 for 49 to his first innings haul of 6 for 74 to take Middlesex to a 23-run victory the pitch was inspected for five hours. The three-man panel, who took samples of soil and interviewed the head groundsman, Peter Marron, said the pitch had produced ex-

cessive spin on the first day. They warned the county that, if they produced another unsatisfactory championship wicket in the next 12 months, they would forfeit 10 points.

In 1994 Lancashire were contract.

penalised 25 points for an un-fit championship pitch and eartier this season their track at Southport was reported by the umpires although no action was taken.

Sussex's loss by an imnings and 14 runs against Worcestershire was their fourth successive championship defeat. Danny Law provided some rapid, if futile, resistance, with 75 which contained four sixes and nine fours off 45 balls. Alamgir Sheriyar returned a championship-

best 6 for 99. Matthew Maynard's 69 off 44 balls with five sixes put Glamorgan in a position to declare today. On 281 for 6, they are 330 ahead of Hampshire.

Gloucestershire have offered their 33-year-old captain, Courtney Walsh, a new two-year

#### 967th innings, 526 fewer than Grace. Gooch, who will play on next summer, had already overleaguered Warwickshire attack. Though allowing some turn, a flat pitch conspired with batstaken Tom Graveney, with 122 men, allowing Gooch and Paul hundreds, and Denis Compton. with 123, in a season bringing Prichard to gorge themselves with centuries him seven centuries. LANCASHIRE - Second Innings Britannic Assurance County Championship Third day of four; 10.30 today Hampshire v Glamorgan SOUTHAMPTON: Glamorgae (Spts), four second-lunings wickets standing 320 runs ahead of Hempshire (2). Glamorgan won 22ss GLAMORGAN – Frat lonings 401 (S P James 103, H Morra 80, R D B Croft 67, A D Shaw 53; D A Mescarenhas 6-881.

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Sussex - First firnings 219 (V C Draines 103).
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Northersphenshive won loss.

SURREY - First Instags 395 (A.) Hobicolo 129, B.P. Julen 117; J.P. Leyfor 4-871. NORTHANDTONSHIRE- Plest innings 235 (C) Ripley 55: B P Julien 6-37). 

Bowling: Ambrose 25-12-55-4; Taylor 15-7-19-1; Copel 16-4-67-1; Penberthy 18-2-71-1; Snape 17-3-2-67-2 Capel net out
Penberthy c Butcher b M P Bicknell ...2
Riplay not out Somerset v Derbyskire 7/MINIONE Destryables (7pts), with eight second-limitings wickets standing, are 281 num sheet of Somerset (7). Destryables won toss DERNYSHIRE - First Inspings E24 (A S Rollins 127, K M (Millen 83, D G Cork 77, P A J Des SOMERSET - First Incl. (Overlight: 238 for 4) Edites (15, B7, 1614) \_\_\_\_\_\_26 Total (127.4 overs) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_464 Pall (cost): 5-272, 6-329, 7-396, 8-430, 9-464. Score et 120 overs 419 for 7. Benefing: Noticem 34-5-146-3; DeFretas 22-3-90-0; Cork 14-5-48-1; Harris 23-4-5-94-4 Roberts 25-11-55-1; Bernon 9-0-18-0. 

EDBBASTON: Warwickshire (6pts), with severa second-holing; wickets standing, re-quire 371 runs to best Essex (5). ESSEX - First Innings 238 (R C trans 69; G C Small 4-41). AP Grayson C Poper b Glosm 30

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SECOND Na CAMARPONISHE (final day of three): Kenthworth: Vorteine 317 (R Robinson 73, G J Butty 51; M D Edmand 6-99) and 300 (B Patter 82, R Robinson 56; M D Edmand 4-99, C Welch A-31): Warmicksme 44, GM Burts 127, Edmand 65mo, G Welch 63, / Frost 57 and 175 for 4 (A Singh 80). War wickehiro won by his wickets.

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The name of the latest leading stallion to be lured to Japan says it all - Warning. The alarm is sounding

throughout the British breeding amdustry as the best bloodstock eeps away to the Far East, but sadly there can be no adequate response. The purchasing power of the richest racing nation on the planet is simply too strong to resist.

That it is the Saudi Arabian Khalid Abdullah - who along

Classic arena when he was

booked by Michael Stoute to

partner the Ebor winner,

The rider, who missed the

Clerkenwell, in the St Leger.

dominated British racing over horse's sire, Dancing Brave, for Warning in Abdullah's band the last 15 years - who is doing the selling is an indication that even the wealthiest and most successful owners operating in this country cannot resist the opportunity to help make the books balance. The level of prize-money here, of course, is

not much use in that respect.
It is estimated that it required \$8m (£5.1m) to tempt Warning away from Abdullah's Banstead Manor Stud in Newmarket, compared with the £4m and \$6.8m (£4.3m) that the Japanese spent respectively on Warning's half-brother Comwith the Maktoum family has mander in Chief and that

elude him, most famously when

the Stoute-trained Shergar fin-

Group One success since his re-

turn when riding Pilsudski to

victory in the Grosser Preis

Swinburn celebrated his first

ished only fourth in 1981.

von Baden last Sunday.

from the same source. In seiling Warning and Com-mander In Chief, Abdullah has

dispensed with two of the most successful sons of the remarkable broodmare Slightly Dangerous. Another half-brother, Deploy, remains in Abdullah's stallion ranks, while Dushyantor, the latest of Slightly Dangerous's sons to reach the top flight, is favourite for the St Leger tomorrow week. Punters should perhaps take Warning's sale as a sign of confidence that Dushyantor will attain Group One success at Doncaster and become a worthy replacement

Charnwood Forest. 2.35: SHUWAIKH, 31/4 lengths third to Mumkin in a six furlongs medi-an auction maiden at Windsor, is well drawn in stall one. Love Has No Pride may prove the main danger.

3.05: FALAK, five lengths runner up to Entreprepeur on his debut here last month, may go one better. Captain Collins, who already figures in the 1997 2,000 Guineas betting may be the danger.

of stallions.

The champion miler of his generation when winning the Sussex Stakes and Queen Eliz-

RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Love Has No Pride

(Kempton 2.35) NB: Sawa-ki (Haydock 5.20) abeth II Stakes as a three-yearold in 1988, Warning was the top

first-season sire of 1993. Now

aged 11, his best performer this year was another miler,

problems. 

3.40: WIZARD KING, who impressed when beating Russian Mu-sic by two lengths in a seven furlongs

ties when top performers were bought up by North American studs was brought to a halt when a fair bet at 6-4 with William Hill.

ing Association. Warning will be joining the last five Derby vic-

tors before this year's winner,

Shaamit, - Generous, Dr De-

vious, Commander in Chief,

Erhaab and Lammtarra - in

Japan. He will swiftly be fol-

lowed by this year's King George VI & Queen Eliza-

The consequences of so

many leading stallions leaving Britain within such a brief pe-

riod are incalculable. A similar

trend in the Sixties and Seven-

beth Stakes winner, Pentire.

4.10: ALL IS FAIR, who beat Daz-zling Stone by a comfortable threequarters of a length in a six furlongs maiden at Hamilton, will be suited by the extra furlong and could follow up. Northern Pass is rated the

Purchased by the Japan Rac- Abdullah and the Maktourns ing it increasingly difficult to reentered the scene and established their own studs in Britain. The benefit of that has been to reinforce Britain's position as the strongest racing nation in Europe by upgrading the quality of bloodstock.

Seeing that position undermined is a depressing prospect and one that is sure to be one of the main topics of conversation when the domestic yearlingsales season starts at Doncaster next week.

The United States is not immune to the power of the yen and it has been reported this week that Allen Pa

Course trans (R.)

sist Japanese attempts to buy Cigar. Offered \$20m (£12.7m) prior to the great horse's shock defeat at Del Mar last, the bid has nevertheless been raised to \$30m (£19.1m), the same amount that secured Lamm-tarra from Sheikh Mo-hammed's Darley Stud earlier this year.

Paulson has a powerful incentive not to part with the horse that has drawn huge crowds and helped to revitalise racing in the United States. "Cigar is an all-American hero," he said. "My popularity would

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first four Classics this year while he recovered from serious injury, will be attempting to secure KEMPTON

2.05 Greenwich Again 3.40 WIZARD KING (nap) 2.35 Shuwalkh 4.10 All is Fair 3.05 Falak

GOING: Good.

STALLS: Straight - stands side, nound & Jubilee - Inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for St and 6f races.

Right-hand course. Separate straight course for St and 6f races. Practically flat.

Course is on A308 at Numbery. Kernaton Park milway station adjoins course. ADMISSION:
Club & Tattersalls 510 (16 to 25-year-olds 58); Silver Ring 56. Accompanied children under-16 free. CAR PARE: Members 52; remainder, free.

Swinburn secures Leger ride

Walter Swinburn was yesterday his first victory in the race. It is

given the chance to return to the the only domestic Classic to

LEADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: R Hannon — 37 winners from 299 runners given a success ratio of 12.4% and a loss to a 51 level stake of \$24.18; J Dundop — 17 winners, 147 runners, 11.0%, -\$29.27; M Stoute — 14 winners, 90 runners, 14.6%, -\$28.45; J Gooden — 13 winners, 82 runners, 15.9%, -\$21.68, 18.9%, +\$21.37; T Quinners, 197 rides, 19.1%, -\$61.30; L Dettorf — 25 winners, 174 rides, 14.4%, -\$22.39; J Reid — 25 winners, 185 rides, 14.5%, -\$24.67.

BLINERER FIRST TIME: Hurgul Times, Rock Fantany (2.35).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Ayanh (2.05) was at Pottefract on Thesday, LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Hargill Times (2.35) has been sent 254 miles by J W

	<u>₩</u>	uls from	Richmond, N Yorks.
		2.05	WATFORD HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 6f 92yds Penalty Value £3,176
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	5	00-0043	TROLETTE (21) (Richard   Morris X) R Williams 4 9 5Alone Cook (5) 10 B
	6	053210	MORSONG (6) (D) (BF) (The Fary Story Partnership) R Allehaust 4 9 3S Sandars 7
	7	223412	DURBHAM (23) (D) (The Secret Partnership) H Houe 5 9 2S Visiting th 8 B
	8	253030	OUTSTAYED WELCOME (32) (D) ONTS B Bell M Haynes 4 9 2
	9	BO-0410	NORDANSK (12) (C) (T Smith) M Madgarch 7 9 2
	10	121303	EL VOLADOR (22) (Mrs Tima Gamer) C Allen 9 8 13 Martin Dayer (5) 4
	11	51410B	THE LAD (27) (Treberth Partnership) L Montague Hall 7 8 13
	12	053300	STALLED (90) (D) (Mrs PT Walneyn) P Wesheyn 6 8 13
1	13	016104	SARASOTA STORBI (29) (B J Wanten) M Bell 4 8 13

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FORM QUIDE
OUTSTAYED WELCOME gets the trop better than most. Successful in ladded events at Ripon and over today's distance at Yermouth in 1995, Mick Heynes' charge has felled to soon this season after nine starts but he been placed five times, including three soconds earher in the season, and he can come good again here despite finishing in the ruck on a return to Ripon on his most recent run. Ayuali turns out again after justifying favouristism at Pontineffact on Tuesday. She made it all over the mile and helf that day and, efficient impensised for that success – which was in an apprentices' event – she will sail find it tough under 9st 12th. And her stamma has to be taken on trust. Greenwisch Agello is another who has yet to race beyond a mile and a half. She has socred bace this term, but at that timp – at Southwell is elien in February and at Brighton in July – and she chased home previous scorer Rising Spray at Folkestone last time. El Volador is a mile and a half special stat the lungfield Guntrack but he did win over the same distance at Folkestone lest term. Durham has been running well and both his victories – at Nottingham in June and et Lingfield last month – were gained over this journey. Requested, Statled and Norweng are others who have scored over this distance. Requested could go well off bottom weight but Stalled has finished unplaced in his last two starts and hasn't been out in 90 days. Norsong finished well beaten at Sandown on Saturday.

Selection: OUTSTAYED WELCOME

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Richard Hannon, who landed the first three races at Brighton on Tuesday, all juvenile events,
runs Love Has No Pride and SHUMAIRH, who will both be competing in this type of race
for the first time. Love Has No Pride, to be nidden by Sab Sanders, made it third time tudly
when five lengths too good for the odds-on debutant Alegno at Brighton and there is probwhen five lengths too good for the odds-on debutant Alegno at Brighton and there is probwhen five lengths too some from this US-bred gray. Even so, I like the look of Shuwaish, to show the state of the look of Shuwaish, the short of 13 behind Grapeshot at Newmerket in July, followsheped well first time up when swith of 13 behind Grapeshot at Newmerket in July, followsheped well first time up when swith of 13 behind Grapeshot at Newmerket in July, followsheped well first time up when swith of 13 behind Grapeshot at Newmerket in July, followsheped well first time up when swith of 13 behind Grapeshot at Newmerket in July, followsheped well first time up when swith of 13 behind Grapeshot at Newmerket in July, followsheped well even if he is on top weight. Zuglaud, who is also having his first increasy run,
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	,	CHERTSEY LOCK STAKES (CLASS C) £7,200 added 2Y0 colts & geldings 7f Penalty Value £4,623
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1	4	MINORPAR (USA) (23) (Person P Charles Hom 8 10
2		MARRODOMY (USA) (E. Sangser) P Chappie Hyam 8 10. R Hadiso 2 CATENUS (USA) (Shaish Mohammed M Soute 8 10. R Hadiso 2 CATENUS (USA) (Shaish Mohammed M Soute 8 10. R Hadiso 2
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3		CALIFORN (CAN) Committee at Majoratory March W Harris 10
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	7	TANGO KING (20) (Lord Sway(Marg) ) Market 3 10 R Parket 5
9	v	TANSO KING (20) (Lord Swaperschip) R Hermon 3 10
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		TRIPLE HAY (The Brookings: Parties of AC Remerciale) J Toller 8 10S Sunders 8 zouted (Forum Trustees United AC Remerciale) J Toller 8 10S
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BETTENS: 3-1 Captain Collins, 4-1 Falait, 9-2 Multadder, 6-1 Cationes, Fatal Barand, Ring Sc.
14-1 Yangin King, 28-1 dithers.
1995: Double Leaf 2 8 10 W Carson 5-1 (M R Stoure) 7 ran

Hemden Al Maktourn is represented by Felek – who shaped promisingly on his introduction here when a two-length runner-up behind 2-1 on chance Entrepreneur 16 days ago and is in the first colours – and the 20-1 Salesbury debut wener Makeadee. Of the pair, Falak looks best but CAPTAIN COLINIS, who comes here with a talk home reputation, can master them both. Peter Chappie-Hyam's colt is a full-brother to Colonel Collins, who ran third in the Two Thousand Gariness, Derby and tirsh Derby in 1994 and won by seven lengths on his introduction at Newmenton.

	3.40	MILCARS TEMPLE FORTUNE STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £17,000 added 1m Penalty Value £12,125
1	22/-1300	CHEFF (NEW HOT (USA) (38) (0) (P.A. Leonard) I. Curtary 4.9 ()
2	100-U35	SERGEYEV (15) (C) (BT Szenant-Brown) R Hannon 4 9 0R Hughes 4
3		VERZEN (27) (Seeed Manana) D Loder 4 9 0
4	23-5111	WIZHED KING (15) (0) (Shelift A bin S Al Maldoury) Sir Mark Prescott 5 9 0 & Duilliate 8
5	10-201	CENTRE STALLS (23) (D) Writtony Pre-Jeary R Johnson Houghton 3 8 9
6		HAMMERSTEIN (21) (D) (BP) (Sheich Motammed) M Stoute 3 8 9
7	1-3	MANAGOD (12) (Harrdon Al Malenum) H Thomson Jones 3 8 9
8		RAMBOOZ (USA) (69) (D) (6F) (High Salem) B Hambury 3 8 9
		- å declared -

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1995: Sim Award 5 9 6 J Rest B-1 (B Hanbury) 7 ran

Sir Mark Prescott, who places his horses so shrewily, appears to have found another brigh sow water Prescript, who passes has horses as streemer, appears to rever found a rooter unity or opportunity for WIZZARD HONG and the five-year-old can complete a four-timer. Whard ling had a tremendous time as a three-year-old, his five trumphs including the Britannie Handlap at Royal Ascot and the Ascot Handlap, the letter event being gamed off a 32th higher rating then his first success that year – at Newmarket. Last seeson, the son of Shasad landed Listed prizes at Fairyhouse and the Curragh and he ran several other good neces while this year he has gone in at Chester, Salisbury and Chepstow, where he gave Russian Music, 13do and a two-length benting. All three of those who this year were at seven fur-longs but he gas a mile, Sengayew has sigo tested Royel Acot success — whining the Je-sey Stakes last farm to complete a four-timer. He hasn't returned to the winner's enclosure since but has reced only three ones this term and was beaten only a neck and a head by Monaessib asnd Dence Sequence at Yernouth lest month. Richard Hannorts runner, who stumbled and unseated his rider in Royal Appleuse's race at Doncaster before that on his first try at a mile and he might not last it out as well as my selection. We Van Geest Criterion Stakes at Nawmarket on his latest start but that race might have come van Geegt Critation Stokes at Newmanet on his tasest start but the rice Impir rave come-too scon as it was only ten days after Royal Ascot. Cautre Stalls, who got home by thee parts of a length from Phantom Quest at Sandown, has not had much racing and is open to improvement. Hammarshalls challed up his trind win this season when deligating Russ-tan Music a length and half at Goodwood lest month but had his limitations exposed when favourite but only fifth (of eight) behind Sin Rosie in the Group Three Hungerfurd Stakes at Masshurg. Ruthermore, using Russian Music as a yardstick Hammarshall is Geetly-hold by Witten 1800.

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4.10	MILCARS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,200 added 2YO filles 7f Penalty Value £4,577	
31	ALL IS FAIR (18) (Mass K Rausing Str Mask Prescott 8 13	
2	ALFHABET (Charlesy Park Stud) M Stools 8 8	R Cockstate 7
1	DESERT BEAUTY (Lord Weinstock/Stors of late SWanstock) M Stoute 8 8.	W R Swichern C
ı.	DUST DANCER (Hestoonis Stud) / Dunlop 8 8	
. 0	KAFAF (USA) (23) (Humdan Al Malapuro) J Goaden 8 8	R  SS: 1
64	JASUNA BAY (27) (L Fost) A James 8 8.	
7	NOSLE DAVE (The Basthae Partnership) P Harris & 8	Pot Eddocy 5
3		S Sandors 9
1	ONE SO WONDERFUL (Holora Springlets Ltd) L Current 8.8	
D.	TOP SHELF (longs Bloodstock Limited) C British 8 8	
1	WESTERN HOUR (USA) (Mrs 8 V Sangater) P Chapple Hyam 8 8	Reid 8 لـــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ

FORM GUIDE Peter Chacole-Hvart, expected to land the 3.05 with Captain Collins, can also take this with a newcomer in the shape of the Gone West filly WESTERN HOUR, who is out of a ful-sister to top Caractian two-year-old Medatile D'Or. All in Fair, a skylength third to the oddssaver to sup currection two-year-out weather burn as merc, a so-renger through the occa-on West Warred on her debut at Haydock, ran on strongly to some at Hamilton 18 days ago and looks the pick of the quartet with experience. Michael Stoute, who has had charge of many smart filles over the years and trains top youngster Dezzle, introduces the debutante Applicables, who is a daughter of Saddiers' Hall and the first foel of the Hell Gwyn heroine A-To-Z.

TA AN RADLETT MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,260 added 71

	4	<u>1.40</u>	Penalty Value £3,355	
	1	032220-	GODRERSHAM PARK (308) (W H Patterson) M Heaten-Elle 4 10 0	ادالا لسيسيس
	2	004233	OLET LEME (S.A.) Outres D M Green) M Manipulck 4 10 0	
	3.	3-45656	RESNI FEVER (71) Nicel Desmond Cronicl D Advatures 3 9 12	R PHic
	4	43-230	MANSAB RUSA) (14) Olds Louise Murphy P Murphy 3 9 12	<b>ندا</b> لینیی
•	5	0-440	PAGIFIEC (35) (Paris Riccord) L. Current S & 12	<b>علقان و</b>
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	7		ALTROYTH EISAS (22) (Handan Al Maissoum) J Graden 3 9 10	
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FORM GUIDE FORM GUIDE

COUNTRY THATCH, unplaced in both his races lest season, has auffered a similar face after two runs this term but he hain't been discredited in either and can make his first appearance in a handlesp a winning one with Pet Eddery booked for the ride. Redaider Lasty finished in front of Country Thatch when numer-up to Highland Rhapsody at Salabury (8) but the selection can turn that form around over this extra furling. Eddery was on beard Sharp Sharffle when the three-year-old was a disappointing favourite for Extraox Boy's race at Laccetar and, believe that, he was second for the fifth three when short-basided by CSTOra at Both. The tan-cinites champion has also partnered Paoplantic—when Luck Cuman's charge finished eights of nine to Clan Chief over the minimum at Goodwood test month. The coldward handler puning in this fast handlesp here. Is lightly raced and likely to get better but lacks was a use cause in use occurs uses any and secure or pewer at this congar journey Admyys, another running in his first hendicap here, is lightly recad and likely to get better but lacks pace and would appear to need at least a mile. Recem Fever, who cost 66,000grs at a syearing, was formerly trained by Dermot Wield at the Curagh, She has been disappointing, changing hands for only 11,000grs at the Newmarket July sales, and now has her first run from David Arbuthnot's yard.

Selections COUNTRY THATCH

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4.40: 1. VAN SURP (3 Duffield) 5-2 jt fev; £7.40. NR: Silent Expression. Silent Expression (12-1) withdrawn, Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in the pound.

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3.25 RAISBY QUARRIES HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 2m 5f

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	4.90 SAM BENRY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E £4,500 added 2m 5f							
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# King gets lift from Star **Appeal**

Equestrianism **GENEVIEVE MURPHY** 

reports from Burghley

Mary King held the lead on Star Appeal after the first day of dressage was completed at the Burghley Pedigree Chum Horse Trials in warm sunshine yesterday. The Irish-bred gelding who was fourth here two years ago, produced the best test of his career to overtake the long-time leader, Pippa Funnell, on the lit-tle skewbald Bits and Pieces.

King said Star Appeal finds the dressage difficult, but he has nevertheless "come on by leaps and bounds." She is hoping that she can contain his enthusiasm over the cross-country, and that his accident-prone days (which included a broken leg when kicked by another horse in his field and a poisoned foot after treading on a nail) are over.

"Star Appeal tends to get very excited when he is galloping," King said. "Quite a lot depends on the way I ride him; if I can be quiet with him early on and not try to dominate him, he usually settles better.'

King was glad to see some big fences at the start of the course, as they should help her partner concentrate on jumping. She is also relying on new tack (a Dutch gag with a Waterford mouthpiece and a controller noseband) to provide effective brakes.

Funnell's mount, Bits and Pieces, was impressive when he won at Blenheim last year and there will be much interest in watching him tackle his first four-star course. Funnell is one of the riders who has help from Mark Phillips, who designed the cross-country course here.

Didier Seguret of France is just 0.2pt behind Funnell on Coeur de Rocker, and behind the Frenchman come Andrew Nicholson on last year's winner, Buckley Province, and America's Mark Weisshecker on Rest Seller, who are now lying joint fourth. Rodney Powell and the reformed Comic Relief, who gave him a terrible ride at Badminton where he had the worst dressage score of all, is sixth.

Phillips is hoping that no more than two or three horses finish within the optimum time over the cross-country. Having considered the quality of the field, which includes the last two Badminton winners - Eagle Lion, who was the victor with Bruce Davidson in 1995 and Bertie Blunt, who triumphed with Mark Todd this year -Phillips now thinks that four or five horses may get home within the time tomorrow. "But I would be very surprised, and not at all pleased, if we had a many as nine or 10," he said.

BURGALEY HORSE TRAILS (Sisselford) Stand-lags after first say of drawsage: 1. Star Appeal (M King, 68) 43.4 penalties; 2 Bits and Pieces (P Furmell, 68) 47.4; 3 Coeur de Rocker (D Sig-uret, F) 47.4; 4— Buckley Provice (A Nicholson, N2) and Best Seiter (M Weissbecker, US) 55.4; 6 Comic Refler (R Powell, 68) 55.0.

Rydell breaks

record chasing

runner-up spot **Meter racing** 

Rickard Rydell yesterday boost-ed his hopes of finishing as run-ner-up in the British Touring Car Championship after breaking his own Donington Park qualifying record in official testing for Sunday's twin rounds of the championship. Rydell lapped in 1min 36.615sec, over a tenth of a second inside the mark he set in April.

With four races remaining, the Swede is in second place overall, 19 points ahead of Alain Menu, who was seventh fastest yester-day, just ahead of the newly crowned champion, Frank Biela. Second fastest was Britain's David Accord, who edged out his team-mate, James Kaye, by fivehundredths of a second. Sunday's double-header will

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# Time hangs heavy on Tyson's mind

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Tyson's mind of a heavy
solution to the second seco devastatingly quick, so brutal in application that opponents froze in his presence. The guy was awesome, unbeatable, he said

> That Tyson was describing himself indicates an acute sense of being less than the force who spread terror throughout the heavyweight division 10 years ago when he launched a sensationally successful attempt to unify the championship. "In some ways I am better, but I could not have beaten that Mike Tyson," he added.

Time waits for no fighter, and it is unlikely that Tyson, at 30, can correct imperfections in timing evident in the three quick victories he has achieved since spending three years in prison.

Perhaps this is the source of Tyson's candour, the frustration that comes from flawed technique and, in his case, a conflict between instinct and maturity. There is no way I can tell you what I used to do the night be-fore a fight," he said. "But it helped to make me what I was. The way I behaved, I should

have been dead by now."

However, behind it all is Tyson's unshakeable belief that at the Las Vegas home of his he still has an edge in strength and savagery over every other heavyweight. Frank Bruno, who was pummelled to defeat in three rounds when defending the World Boxing Council championship six months ago. will testify to a renewal of Tyson's raw power, and no hope can be held out for Bruce Seldon, who is putting up the World Boxing Association version tomorrow night at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

So far, the second phase of Tyson's career has involved just 17 minutes of boxing from which he has earned around \$66m (£44m), topped up by the in extension against barely plau- crown from Seldon. Quickly.

situation is going," he said.
That is as close to positive

public relations as Tyson ever gets. That and a commitment to the Muslim faith. Throughout training for his contests against Buster Mathis Jnr and Bruno, the former undisputed champion was grumpy, moody and un-dependable. He bridled when asked to do those small things that sell a fight. And in those rare moments when he was not

'I have been through so many ordeals that I am suspicious of everyone and everything'

being unreasonable, falling out with reporters, he expected a pinch of graciousness to earn him forgiveness.

By all accounts, this week has seen a change in him. Speaking promoter, Don King, he said: I'm not a happy man by nature. I've been through so many ordeals in my life that I'm always suspicious of everyone and everything. Always wary. I can enjoy a funny moment, but even then I have to tell myself to get back on guard. I'm in love with a woman and she has given me a beautiful daughter, but I doubt whether anyone can make me truly happy. I'm still at my best when I have to stand up to an adversary."

Another couple of years in the ring. Tyson says: What we are looking at, of course, is a career row, Evander Holyfield - who should be discouraged from fighting - in November. Riddick Bowe has the size and ability to provide Tyson with a real test but grows fat on the proceeds of past endeavours. Lennox Lewis took \$4m to step aside so Tyson could challenge Seldon.

Seldon, meanwhile is labouring under handicaps imposed in the womb. He does not possess the power to discourage Tyson and goes to the ring with a frag-ile chin. "I'll destroy him," Tyson said coldly, when it was suggested that Seldon might prove more of an opponent.

Everything right now may be tilted Tyson's way, but contentment remains clusive. "Freedom is in the mind," he said. "I need more independence. Being on parole, having to report all the time, not being able to travel makes you crazy. They must think I'm Al Capone. In a way, people in prison have more freedom than a lot of people out here. They don't have to worry about losing their jobs, where the next meal is coming from. It was a bad experience for me, but at least I became more conscious of the world we live in."

Soon, Tyson said, he will have to plan the rest of his life. "I still love fighting, the thrill of knocking out opponents, but when the time comes to walk away, I won't feel sad." Admitting that he first went to the mosque as a means of getting out of himself, Tyson now claims to have made a gemine commitment.

In one breath Tyson talks of

not needing the three homes and 30 cars he possesses. In another, of the 17 acre, \$3m estate that was purchased for him in April. Who knows what really goes on in Tyson's mind? The one thing we can be sure of is that he will take the WBA



Mike Tyson relaxes ahead of tomorrow's fight against Bruce Seldon Photograph: Reuter

# Agassi has control over Muster

DERRICK WHYTE reports from New York

randre Agassi won the battle of the baseline heavyweights when he beat Thomas Muster in the quarter-finals of the United States Open.

The sixth-seeded Agassi held off the tenacious third-seeded Austrian with a barrage of win-ners for a 6-2, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2 victory to take his place in the semi-finals for the sixth time. "I knew with his style of play and my style of play that it was

gong to be im-

Agassi spent week. most of the match on the baseline, con- Gilbert, whom he claimed was trolling the points by hitting his groundstrokes from corner to corner. "One thing Thomas does well is that he likes to dictate play. The one thing that I had to do was definitely get on the offence," said Agassi, who hit 48 winners to Muster's 27.

After being outclassed in the opening two sets, Muster fought back from 2-0 down to take the third set. Muster led for the first time since the opening game when Agassi dropped his serve on a double fault at 3-3. The Austrian held for 5-3 and then served out the set from 0-30. However, any momentum that Muster had on his side was washed away when a few sprinkles of rain forced officials to stop play after Agassi held serve to start the last set.

Though the players never left the court and were back playing within five minutes, the respite seemed to be just what Agassi needed to energise a final winning spurt

"That could have been a turning point," Muster, who fell behind 3-0 before holding serve, said.

The two criticised each other throughout the year, and the friction heightened the atmosphere surrounding this encounter more than any of their previous eight meetings, which they had split 4-4. Muster was one of the most

vocal critics of portant to be Tim Henman, the British No 1, the Open's denothing but has pulled out of next week's cision to elementally com- Bournemouth International vate Agassi two mitted to run-ning for every groin injuries, and is also seedings from ball and really doubtful for Britain's Davis his ATP rankplaying a high Cup match against Egypt lating and drop level of tennis." er this month. Henman has the Austrian Agassi said afhad to bow to the injuries for one spot from ter the two which he received painkillers his ranking. On hour 32 minute during his run to the last 16 at Tuesday, Musslugging match. the US Open in New York this ter had criticised Agassi's coach, Brad

universally disliked on the tour. Earlier in the year, Agassi mestioned Muster's legitimacy as the world No 1 since Muster's climb in the rankings had been due to his superiority on one surface, clay. Of his 41 career titles.

Muster has won 39 on clay. In the women's event Steffi Graf reached her 11th US Open semi-final by beating the unseeded Austrian, Judith Wiesner, 7-5, 6-3, and will now play Martina Hingis, the Swiss teenager who became only the third 15-year-old to reach the last four after beating the seventh seed from the Czech Republic, Jana Novotna, 7-6,

The other semi-final today is between Monica Seles and the fourth seed, Conchita Martinez.

# **'Still unfit' Cole to be left on sidelines**

**CATHERINE RILEY** 

Andy Cole is facing more time out of Manchester United's title and Champions League campaign. The striker did not travel to Derby on Wednesday as Alex Ferguson, the United manager, does not think he is fit enough after his bout of pneumonia.

Cole's comeback has been held up by two reserve games being called off and, while he is doing double training sessions, he will not face Leeds tomorrow and will stay at home when United fly out for their match against Juventus.

Leeds have failed in a bid to

manager, made a pre-season inquiry to Internazionale, but was told the midbelder was not available. Confirming his approach, Wilkinson said: "That was quite some time ago - just before the season started - and Roy Hodgson was quite clear in his mind

that he wanted to keep him." Meanwhile, Wilkinson's search for a new striker will intensify following the news that Tony Yeboah could be out of action until Christmas.

Kevin Keegan has dismissed speculation David Ginola will be allowed to leave Newcastle. "I could have sold him in the summer, everyone knows that, but I didn't buy David Ginola to make a profit," Keegan said. "I like him bring Paul Ince back to England. and I think he will adjust to Eng-

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds lish football better in his second season. He's a fantastic talent and it's just a case of barnessing that into the team."

Southampton have made an inquiry for the Everton midfielder Vinny Samways. Everton are looking for a fee in the region of £1m for the 27-year-old midfielder, who cost the club £2.2m when signed from Tottenham in 1994.

Vinnie Jones' 12 dismissals will not prompt special action from the Football Association, but there is an open invitation for him to make a formal complaint out of his allegation that Tottenham's Darren Anderton spat in his face and provoked him into retaliation during Wimbledon's stormy Premiership match at Selhurst Park on Wednesday.

up something new, he will just serve the suspension in the normal way laid down in the rules. As for the alleged spitting incident, we can only act if there is a formal complaint made."

Anderton yesterday admitted that he had spat, but only to clear his throat and not at Jones. I spat and it bit his shorts," Anderton said. "You would need to be mad to snit in the face of Vinnie Jones. Spitting at other players is dreadful."

Wimbledon have confirmed they will "listen to offers" for the out of favour Dean Holdsworth and Oyvind Leonhardsen. Wolves have been summoned to a Football League commission next Wednesday

An FA spokesman said: "Un- after being accused of backing less the referee's report shows; out of a deal to sign Leicester's Australian international goalkeeper, Zeljko Kalac. The West Midlands club lined up a double bid last winter for Kalac and Steve Corica from Leicester, but signed only Corica.

Signed Only Corica.

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### Iron forging a strong future Non-League notebook pyramid to the Icis (Isthmian) manager, has forged a squad

None of the 340 clubs involved in FA Cup preliminary round matches this week will be appearing at Wembley next May. The same cannot, of course, be said for the 184 teams embarking on this season's FA Carlsberg Vase campaign, which kicks off tomorrow. While the favourites for a day out beneath the twin towers on 10 May do not normally enter the Vase until the second round proper in November, there are some strong contenders in this weekend's first qualifying round.

Braintree Town were a thriving Southern League club until, last summer, they decided to make the switch across the

League to cut down on their contaming some of the best non-travelling costs. The Iron, as the League players in East Anglia, Essex club are known, could have held their own in the First Division of the Icis alongside the likes of Aldershot, but their voluntary move meant they had to start - like Wealdstone, who did the same thing the previous year in the Third Division.

Braintree's reduced status has also led to a shift from the FA Trophy to the Vase, in which they travel to the Cambridgeshire side. Somersham Town, tomorrow. The home team will need a strong defence, because the Iron have knocked in 17 goals in their last three games including a 5-0 romp in the FA Cup at Southend Manor in their most recent outing.

Keith Martin, the Braintree

League players in East Anglia. including Gary Bennett, who won the Conference/frophy double with Colchester in 1992. Despite their scoring feats, Martin said last week that he felt his side had not reached the standards set last season. When they do, they should take some stopping, and they are this column's tip to win the Vase. Also worth a bet in the Vase

are Wealdstone, who entertain Kempston Rovers on Sunday. and the up-and-coming Somerset club Bridgwater Town, who head west to St Austell tomorrow. Bridgwater drew an impressive crowd of 1,112 for their Screwfix Direct (Western) League derby against Taunton Town last week.

#### Fearful Thugwane pulls out

Sting too far for Molyneux

a record-equalling eighth All- had to be taken to hospital to

England title, was stung on her have a ring removed from her

Athletics

The Olympic marathon champion, Josia Thugwane, who death threats have been made against him, has pulled out of the BUPA Great North Rm on 15 September.

The 25-year-old security guard fears for his life after becoming South Africa's first black gold medallist. Sources say Thugwane, from a township on the outskirts of Johannesburg, may have failen foul of a local drugs baron, angry at his new-found fame. Everyone is Mandela on the same day.

Irene Molyneux, the England

international who on Wednes-

day won the Women's All-Eng-

fand Triples title for the fourth

time, was brought down to

earth by a bee in the preliminary

rounds of the singles at Leam-

Molyneux, attempting to win

ington Spa yesterday.

talking about the plan to kill me," the Johannesburg Star quoted him as saying. "I do not know who the crooks are, but if they say they will kill someone, they will do it."

Thugwane, who was wounded in a bijacking three months before the Olympics, added: "They think I am rich. I fear more for my wife and family than myself." South African athletics officials have announced that instead of competing on Tyneside, Thugwane will attend a reception being hosted by Nelson

Sue Lee from the North Wal-

sham Private Club, Norfolk.

Molyneux crashed to a 21-9 de-

feat, wrecking her hopes of

taking the singles crown for the

first time. The singles is the only major English title to have

eluded the Oxford City and

After the match, Molyneux

County player.

The finger began to swell and

# **Boardman**

Chris Boardman plans to instill the fear factor into his rivals at the Manchester Velodrome tonight by recapturing the coveted world hour record.

the record at such a level that the top riders will have to think long and hard before attempting to break it," said the Wirral-hased rider, who will again adopt the style of riding pioneered by Scotland's Graeme Obree.

going to attack it you have to be confident you are going to be successful. The 28-year-old first broke the mark in 1993, though currently it is held by Tony Rominger of Switzerland, who covered 55.291km in Bormark in athletics and has been held by greats such as the Belgian, Eddy Merckx, Italy's Francesco Moser and the Spaniard,

his attempt on the super-fast Manchester track, which is earning the reputation of being the equivalent of Oslo's Bislett Stadium for record-breaking.

.Several records fell when the Velodrome hosted the World Track Championships last week - Boardman sliced eight sec-onds off the month-old 4,000m pursuit time while on his way to gold. That form and his times during training suggest he could become the first rider to shat-Obitnary, page 18 | ter the 56km barrier.

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Hearts have signed the 29-year-old for-mer Milan and Atalanta midfielder, Stereserve match tonight.

cident while returning from an away match earlier this year. Motherwell are taking the former Ever-ton and Manchester City midfielder, Mark

## Ward, on trial. The 33-year-old is available on a free transfer from Birmingham City. MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER: Tampa Bay Mushy 2 New York/New Jersey MetroStars C; New Eng-

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Rugby Union Nottingham's director of rugby, Roger Whittaker, has resigned after more than two years in the position. A club statement said Whittaker had left because "the problems of the new professional

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The number of pages which make up the charge sheet against Steffi Graf's father, Peter, whose is on trial accused of illegally diverting £8.6m of his daughter's earnings out of Germany to avoid paying tax.

### ers, coupled with the lack of financial support for the club, have created such

pressure that he can no longer fulfil his obligations to both his career and the club. Waterloo have signed Emosi Koloto, the Widnes rugby league coach who has also played in New Zealand. He becomes part

Salling

Two thirds and a first on the second day yesterday kept Mike Lannon, the de-fending champion, comfortably in front after six races of the MDL Melges 24 National Championship in Brixham. But with an impressive first, two sec-onds, two thirds and a fifth on his debut in the boat, the Olympic 470 sliver medalist John Merricks is lying second,

with Rob Smith third.

## Florida-based Megan Miller and Jo Ward, from Durham and Cleveland, will make their debuts when Britain's 21-and-Un-der women's team bid for a record fourth successive victory over the United States in the Maureen Connolly Trophy

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# **GET OFF THE COUCH!**



October issue: The ultimate couch potato's guide to a better Jife - now there

are no excuses. Sneaky ways to win at sport - don't play the game, cheat!

 Everything you ever wanted to know (and some things you didn't) about your wobbly dangly bits.

Lotus bike -- and tickets to the Motor Show.

#### **Rugby's Clem Thomas dies** Clem Thomas, the rugby union journalist, commentator and a member of the 1955 Lions side

finger during her match against finger.

denly in a Swansea hospital yesterday at the age of 67. Thomas - a Cambridge Blue

captain) between 1949 and 1959

while with Swansea. He was also former Wales captain, died sud- who toured South Africa, drawing the series 2-2.

During a varied career he stood as a Liberal candidate for who also played for the Bar the Gower in the 1974 Generbarians, Harlequins and Lon- al Election, polling almost 20 per cent of the votes, and was don Welsh - made 26 also a butcher and auctioneer. appearances for Wales (nine as

#### primed to go the distance Cycling

"If all goes to plan I will put

"With this record there is no second place - you either break it or you don't," Boardman said. "To even announce you are deaux in 1994. The hour record is cycling's equivalent of the mile

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Cricket

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fano Salvatore, on a month's contract. He will play against Dundee United In Manchester United have agreed to travel to Barry Town to play a memorial match on 17 October for the Welsh champions' former player, Matthew Hottham, who was killed in a road ac-

Other sports EQUESTRIANDSIA: Burghley Horse Trials (Stam-

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## Ken Jones on Mike Tyson's ttle challenge

# Agreement reunites the Five Nations

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

England are back in the Five Nations' Championship. Two months after they were banished into the international wilderness, senior officials from all the home Unions have thrashed out an agreement which goes well beyond the five-year deal that Twickenham struck with BSkyB.

Details of the agreement will be announced on Monday, but the indications are that the unions of Wales, Scotland, Ire-

agreed to keep the Champion-ship intact for the next 10 years. All it needs now is the approval today of the unions' respective committees, which should be a

After 10 weeks of uncertainty, recriminations, brinkmanship and anxiety, not to mention behind-the-scenes machinations, manoeuvres and meetings among the respective unions, the historic tournament that dates from 1909 is back on everyone's fixture list and social and sporting calendar - and for up to 10 years.

it emerged last night that BSkvB, whose £87.5m five-year deal with Twickenham triggered the crisis, may also have offered to make some concessions to their proposed deals with the other home unions which might permit selected matches to be broadcast live on terrestrial television within Wales, Scotland and Ireland simultaneously with the satellite

company's coverage. However, it was not clear last night whether the other home ar - and for up to 10 years. unions would take up the origi-While much credit must go to nal offers to them from Sky,

each to Scotland and Ireland.

The feeling throughout the game last night was one of re-lief that a troubled summer was going to give way to a winter of content throughout the British Isles and France. The agreement could also go a long way towards helping sort out the problems be-tween the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs and the Rugby Football Union.

Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said last night: "Resolving the Five Nations issue must help in the jigsaw of problems we face. The problem with

ously, still has to be resolved. We still have a lot of work to do there and we will be pursuing that Hopefully the settlement of the Five Nations will contribute to the ultimate resolution

Cliff Brittle, chairman of the executive committee and a member of the RFU president John Richardson's three-man team, which also included the treasurer Colin Herridge, said: "I think we are all relieved. This has not just been done for the unions, it's been done for everyone who is interested in rugby

and help that come to pass."

football throughout the Five Nations.

It has emerged that in addition to Wednesday night's eight-hour meeting in Bristol between the four home unions held with the knowledge and approval of France - that there had also been intense activity off stage over the last three weeks which involved Brittle in particular in a great deal of travelling from his holiday home in the south of France as the deal was brokered among the Big Five Brittle added: "After a lot of hard work throughout the summer we have come to a sen-

all parties. It is a very good thing and has set the foundations for the future."

Hallett added: "This is the result of team work on all sides. It is a major achievement by the negotiators. The competition is special and attractive. It is a weight off our shoulders and a help that we are not fighting battles on so many fronts."

Following the meeting in Bristol, a joint statement was issued by the four Home Unions which read: "Last evening se-nior officers of England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland met at the

Rugby Board in Bristol in a last attempt to resolve the issues beween them as they relate to the Five Nations' Championship.
The meeting took place with the knowledge and concurrence of the FFR [French Federation]. The meeting resulted in an accord which has saved the Five Nations' Championship for the coming season and for the foreseeable future. The full details of this most welcome news will now be reported by the officers of their respective unious and committees for approval and confirmation."

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# Hill relives his 'shock' sacking

**Motor racing** 

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Monza

It was not merely Michael Schumacher's helicopter that hovered over Formula One's controversy here yesterday. The spectre of the double world champion had much to do with the sacking of Damon Hill, claimed Heinz-Harald Frentzen, the man about to replace him.

Hill and his successor in the Williams-Renault team went public after a week in which the Englishman's six-year association with the team was terminated and the German was confirmed as the next partner for Jacques Villeneuve.

Hill talked of his "shock" at Frank Williams' decision, especially after being commended by the team's boss and their technical director, Patrick Head, for his "astonishing" performances. Hill declined to reveal the reason Williams gave for the dismissal, but maintained it had nothing to do with money.

An hour earlier, Frentzen had revealed his understanding of the thinking behind his appointment by Formula One's top team. Spookily, Schumacher's helicopter was coming into land as his compatriot and former Mercedes team-mate said: "I think Frank Williams

signed me because he wants me to beat Michael next year. I think I can beat Michael, otherwise I would not be the right man for the job." The inference there is Williams believes Hill is not capable of beating Schumacher in what is expected to be a significantly improved Fer-

rari next season. Hill later alluded to the influence of engine deals within the sport, and there is a theory is that Frentzen's arrival at Williams on a two-year contract points to BMW partnering Williams when Renault quit Formula One at the end of next season. But that has been discounted by a source within the sport.

Hill, who heads the championship by 13 points with three races remaining, starting with Sunday's Italian Grand Prix here, patently feels the decision is no reflection on his ability. "I feel I've been to Mars and back for the last 10 days. It was a shock but I've had worse shocks in life and Formula One. I'll get over it and continue to press on and get results," Hill said.

"I turned myself around in the winter and made myself a leading driver, if I wasn't before, and in my view the reward should be to continue to drive the best equipment. I thought the ace up my sleeve was leading the championship. You could say that's naïve, but I've used that

method to get into Formula One and through this year.

T'm not here to sell myself but I consider the input I have given to the team has played a significant part in their development, and I consider myself to be one of the best in the business at providing a car competitive in all situations."

Hill has been linked with McLaren-Mercedes, Jordan-Peugeot and Stewart-Ford, and said he would "not disregard driving for Ferrari should that improbable prospect materialise". Of one thing he was certain: he would not yield the championship to Villeneuve. 'I've been through quite a lot of pressure situations and tend to thrive on it. I'm not a quitter, I want to win."

Frentzen confirmed he had maintained contact with Williams since he turned down the opportunity to join Hill after the death of Ayrton Senna two years ago. He said developments had been swift since the Belgian Grand Prix a fortnight ago. The 29-year-old, presently with Sauber Ford, said: "I was not sure I would get the opportunity but now I am happy I waited.

Schumacher said: "I'm very happy for Heinz-Harald. Now he has the chance to show what he can do. We've had good close racing together before and hope we can do so again."



Out of the woods: Corinne Dibnah, who leads at six under, negotiates a tricky shot at the 12th yesterday

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No lagging behind for fatigued Davies

ANDY FARRELL reports from Hanbury Manor

It is not unusual for Laura Davies to skip a practice round before teeing up in the first round of a tournament. The first time she saw the Hanbury Manor course was when she pulled back the curtains of her hotel room yesterday morning. The policy has not stopped

her winning tournaments, even major championships in America. What she is not immune from, although she gives the best impression of being so of eye department, only five play-

Davies flew back from Chica-

go on Monday night, after a lat-est sortie on the LPGA Tour which resulted in a win and a lost play-off. "It was a bad flight," Davies said. "I didn't get a wink of

sleep. The plane was packed."
On Wednesday night, she could only get two and a half hours sleep and finally drifted off with Andre Agassi two sets up in the US Open tennis.

Despite giving the rest of the field in the European Open such an advantage in the shut-

anyone in professional golf, is ers beat her two-under 70. The Australian Corinne Dibnah led with a 66, six under, by one from France's Stephanie Dallongeville. Dibuah did not drop a shot, while Dallongeville captured five birdies in a row from

the second, and missed from three feet for a sixth. Davies' only mistakes were a couple of three-putts but, in spite of her fatigue, the world No 1 enjoyed letting her driver free-wheel on the Jack Nicklaus Jnr designed layout, in sharp contrast to her last appearance in this country at the British Open at Woburn. Davies is on

a run of 14 consecutive tour-

Ashes series next year.

ture of most sport and one

that might not have happened

sapping and humiliating winter.

with David Lloyd, England's

newly appointed coach, per-

However, a rest and a chat

naments, including three spells in the States and trips to Japan and Korea.

What is driving her on is a desire to finish top of the money lists on both sides of the Atlantic, as Annika Sorenstam did last year. In America, she leads the

Australian, Karrie Webb, by \$110,000 (£730,000), but in Europe she trails the Swede Helen Alfredsson by just under

£10,000.
"I have to say I'm really tired now, but what option is there?"
Davies, who has won over £800,000 worldwide this year,

"The option is not trying to win both money lists. If I end up with nothing, I won't blame it on the fact that I'm tired. It's a balancing act. I had just got ahead of Alfi [Alfredsson], and then she got past me, and Webby is playing this week

and next in America so my lead there could be gone. "There is a fine line between trying to do too much and I could start playing terribly. It's fun trying to win them both. If I end up with nothing, it's been a hell of a crack trying."

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## Atherton retained as captain for winter tours

**Cricket** 

DEREK PRINGLE

Michael Atherton was vesterday re-appointed as captain for England's winter tours to Zimbabwe and New Zealand. With alternative candidates presently thinner on the ground than good conkers, he was unani-mously voted in by the selectors despite the England team's patchy form this summer, where the promise of an early series victory against India was over-shadowed by the recent loss against Pakistan.

Now 28, Atherton has captained his country 35 times in

and drawing the remainder. A record that, while uninspiring, does lend some credibility to the claim that, under him, England have become a more difficult

side to beat. What is more, should he remain fit to captain all five of this winter's Test matches - two in Zimbabwe, three in New Zealand - he will move to within one Test of Peter May's tally of captaining his country 41

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times. A record that, barring suaded Atherton otherwise and calamity, Atherton ought to he was again picked to captain equal and then beat during the England, a post he has now occupied uninterrupted since It is an unusual longevity, 1993, when he first grasped considering the ephemeral na-

the nettle from Graham Gooch. But although the experience has hardened him, three years had he resigned six months is a long time to bear the burago, after the low ebb of another dens of a moderately successful side, and it was suggested at the start of the season, that Atherton, along with one or two other players, might have taken one or other part of the com-

> Apart from the possibility of the overworked Dominic Cork missing a portion of the Zimbabwe leg, that is no longer the

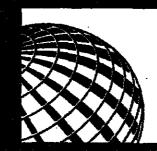
ing winter off.

case and in a recent interview Atherton was quoted as saying: With only a limited amount of time at the top, I'd prefer to spend it playing Test matches

He will be the last captain appointed under the present chairman, Raymond Illingworth, who retires soon after the touring parties have been chosen. As outgoing chairman Illingworth said: "The selectors and myself are delighted that Mike has accepted the offer to captain England. We wish him and the rest of the team the best of luck."

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